RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

- (a) whether any Kendriya Vidyalaya has been set-up in Riva, Madhya Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to open more such Vidyalayas in Riva and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) A Kendriya Vidyalaya is already functioning at Civil Lines, Riva, Madhya Pradesh since 1982-83. There is no proposal for opening a second Kendriya Vidyalaya at Riva.

Vocational Courses Under 10+2 System of CBSE

4305. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vocational courses were introduced under 10+2 system of Central Board of Secondary Education:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) when the first batch of trainees is likely to complete the apprentice-ship for posting in General Insurance Corporation as Assistant:
- (d) the date by when the pass-outs of 1991 Central Board of Secondary Education students are proposed to go on training in the General Insurance Corporation; and
- (e) what is the promotional/transfer policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Vocational courses were introduced by Central Board of Secondary Education since 1977. 28 vocational courses were offered to the students in

the 1991 examination conducted by the Board.

- (c) The first batch of successful students entered General Insurance on 1st October, 1990 as APPRENTICE ASSISTANTS and they would complete the apprenticeship on 30th September 91.
- (d) The process for recruitment has been started. Successful candidates who apply will be allotted to various offices of General Insurance for training after interview and medical examination. The process is likely to be completed by November 91.
- (e) Those absorbed as Assistants on a regular basis are governed by the promotion and transfer policies as applicable to other supervisory, clerical and subordinate staff.

[Translation]

Allocation to Haryana Under Adult Education Programme

4306. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BH-ADANA: Will the Minister of HU-MAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated to Haryana under the Adult Education Programme during the last three years, year-wise:
- (b) the number of persons benefited under this scheme during the above period and the number of persons out of them belonging to backward classes. Scheduled Castes and minorities;
- (c) whether Government have received complaints regarding misappropriation of this fund; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Haryana was allocated a sum of Rs. 228.38 lakhs during 1988-89, Rs. 186.12 lakhs during 1989-90 and Rs. 105.07 lakhs during 1990-91 for the promotion of Adult Education Programme.

(b) to (d) Adult Education Programme in the State was pursued during these years under schemes run Governmental and Non-Governmental Among the Non-Governagencies. mental agencies, the beneficiaries under the programme of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and Voluntary Agencies during these three years were 43,500 and 44,623 respectively. They included persons from all communities including backward classes, Scheduled Castes and minorities. The part time and voluntary workers under the schemes of State Adult Education Programme and Rural Functional Literacy Project sought legal redress on their demand for a scale of pay and due to Protected Litigation the programme virtually came to a stand still during this period.

Kathputli Folk Art of Rural India

4307. SHRI GOVINDRAO NI-KAM: Will the Minister of HU-MAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kathputli, the folk art of rural India, is fast diminishing;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed by the Government for promotion of this art:
- (c) the number of persons involved in this field:
- (d) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to them; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Kathputli, the folk art of rural India (especially, that of Rajasthan) is diminishing.

(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi has launched a scheme "Promotion & preservation of puppetry" in 1985, under which various measures have been taken up such as organizing puppet festivals, conducting puppet

theatre workshops of traditional puppeteers with contemporary puppeteers and providing financial assistance to puppet groups for their performances. Under all these programmes, Kathputli has been given its due share and importance. Centre for Cultural Resources Training is training teachers on the use of puppetry for education. The Department of Culture, under the scheme of "Financial assistance to Dance, Drama and Ensembles', is giving financial assistance for salary and production grant to puppet theatre groups.

- (c) The exact number of persons involved in this field is not available.
- (d) and (e) Financial assistance is being provided by the Government and by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as indicated in para (b) of the reply.

[English]

Plots in Jharoda Kalan to SC and ST

4308. SHRI RAM VILAS PAS-WAN: Will the Minister of UR-BAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plots were allotted to Scheduled Castes in village Jharoda Kalan. Najafgarh Block, Delhi during the year 1976;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the possesison of plots has been given to all the allottees;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the possession will be given to the allottees to whom the possession has not yet given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DE-VELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) Delhi Administration has reported that no such allotment has been made in 1976.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to 'a' above.