

Khamgaon, Chopda, Narkhed, Gadchiroli, Nandurbar, Gondia, Paithan, Buldhana, Chalisgaon, Malkapur, Saoner, Tosgaon, Jalgaon, Latur and Nanded.

Out of the 15 towns recommended by the Government of Maharashtra within the Budgetary allocation for the Scheme and taking into consideration the prioritisation indicated by the State Government proposals under IDSMT Scheme in respect of the following 8 towns were sanctioned;

Gandchiroli, Gondia, Chopda, Khamgaon, Narkhed, Malkapur, Nandurbar and Paithan.

Central Assistance of Rs. 192.50 lakhs has also been released in respect of the above 8 towns.

No proposals for 1991-92 have yet been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

Illiteracy Amongst Backward Classes and Reservation For Students

2722. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether illiteracy is more among the Backward Classes as compared to other communities;

(b) if so, whether the Govt. have any plans to implement the recommendations of the Mandal Commission concerning reservations for the Backward Classes in educational institutions; and

(c) if not, the alternative measures the Government propose to take to ensure

educational opportunities to students from the Backward Classes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Office of Registrar General maintains data on literacy for total population, women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes only.

(b) and (c). The Supreme Court has directed that no steps for implementation of Government order on Recommendations of Mandal Commission except the identification of castes to be benefitted shall be taken until the matter is heard. It has further directed that scope of the order shall not be extended without leave of the Court.

The approach in the New Education Policy is to provide to educationally deprived sections incentives and facilities in order that they make up the disadvantages transmitted through the social environment and the accident of birth.

Performance of Indians in Seoul Olympic and Beijing Asian Games

2723. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have analysed the reasons for the poor performance of the Indian Players in the Seoul Olympic and Beijing Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have planned comprehensive strategies to improve the performance of the players in the forthcoming Olympic Games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?