

(a) the number of persons getting old age pension in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether proposals requesting the Union Government to persuade the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to increase the rate of pension have been received;

(c) whether the Union Government have approached the State Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Old Age Pension, being a State subject, is provided by the State Governments out of their own resources and records are maintained at their level. As per the figures provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the year 1987—88, total number of recipients of Old Age Pension was 1,28,713.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Ministry of Welfare had suggested to the State Governments and Union Territories to provide pension at a uniform rate of Rs. 100/- per month and to cover at least 20 per cent of the elderly population of 60 years and above. Uttar Pradesh Government has enhanced the rate of pension from Rs. 60 per month to Rs. 100 per month from January, 1990.

[English]

Birth Centenaries of Great Personalities

6166. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the names of great personalities whose birth centenaries were celebrated after January, 1988 and the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): The following centenarians have been celebrated from January, 1988:-

| | | |
|--------|-----|----------------------------|
| S/Shri | 1. | Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad |
| | 2. | Dr. S. Radhakrishnan |
| | 3. | Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru |
| | 4. | Shri C.V. Raman |
| | 5. | Kanaka Dassa |
| | 6. | Shankara Charya |
| | 7. | Sri Papanasam Sivan |
| | 8. | Ustad Sadiq Ali Khan |
| | 9. | Tansen |
| | 10. | Govind Prasad |
| | 11. | Km. Jyotirmayee Ganguli |
| | 12. | Conjeevaram Naryana Pillai |
| | 13. | Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur |
| | 14. | Acharya Narendra Dev |
| | 15. | Dr. Sampurnanand |
| | 16. | Sri Prakash |
| | 17. | Nolini Kanta Gupta |
| | 18. | J.B. Kripalani |
| | 19. | Gopinath Bardolai |

