

10. Suresh Kumar s/o Bansi Ram r/o Mukhimpuri
11. Unknown

rural higher education. These include Deemed to be Universities also.

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Police post located in the Hospital causality to deal with Medico-legal cases, was promptly informed about these patients for further necessary action.

#### Setting up of Gram Vidyapeeths

3083. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a scheme for setting up of Gram Vidyapeeths in rural areas for the development of heighr education;

(b) the number of Gram Vidyapeeths functioning at present in the country;and

(c) the extent grants the Union Government propose to provide to new Gram Vidyapeeths during this year and next year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages establishment of Rural Institutes/Universities on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of education. In pursuance of this, a Central Council of Rural Institutes is proposed to be set up for implementation of well co-ordinate programme of development of Rural Institutes. The proposed Council would identify rural institutes and other agencies engaged in Gandhian Basic Education and help them in their development and would also encourage development of new institutions through financial and other assistance.

According to information available in the Department, there are 55 Institutions in

#### Foot Overbidge at Chalakudy

3084. PROF. (SMT.) SAVITHRI LAKSHMAHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an proposal to constrict foot overbridge in place of the level crossing gate (closed) at Chalakudy, Trichur district; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### The UN Decade for Cultural Development Programme

3085. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether "The UN Decade for Cultural Development" programme of UNESCO (United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural organisation) is being observed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific body/commission has been set up to organise the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the non-governmental organisation have been requested to co-operate in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details regarding mobilization of resources for the cause made in this direction at National and International level?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Activities such as celebration of World Heritage Week and World Heritage Day and organisation seminars and exhibitions as a part of the Silk Route Programme have been taken up as Decadal Activities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A National Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Culture has been set-up.

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. The India National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) actively collaborated with the Government.

(g) Resources for carrying out decadal activities are being located within the framework of the available budget.

### Migration of Doctors

3086. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign Government are recruiting India doctors and other paramedical personnel through private agencies in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such personnel appointed by the foreign countries during each of the last three years, countries-wise;

(c) whether any bilateral agreements have been signed with foreign Government

in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of countries with whom such agreements have been made alongwith the number of doctors as well as the facilities being provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### Vocational Training Institute

3087. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:  
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the demand for vocational training institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to open such institutions in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to institutionalise All India Educational Surveys; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Setting up of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Polytechnics is under the purview of the States/UTs. There is a steady growth of such institutions throughout the country. There are over 500 recognised Polytechnics and 2240 ITIs in the country. In