

(b) if so, the names of State and Union Territories which have since set up Drug Advisory Boards; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure establishment of such Boards in each State and Union Territory?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information available with this Ministry the following States and Union Territories have constituted Drug Advisory Committees :—

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Tripura, Delhi Administration, Goa, Manipur, Meghalaya, Pondicherry.

(c) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act it is not mandatory that each State should have a Drugs Advisory Committee. It was however, recommended in the Drugs Conference held earlier to have a Drugs Advisory Committee by each State. This suggestion was of a recommendatory nature which was also considered and endorsed by the Drugs Consultative Committee and State Drugs Control Authorities were thereafter requested to set up Drugs Advisory Committee.

**Financial Assistance to Students
for Sanskrit, Vedic Buddhist
and Pali Students**

5116. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any schemes had been sanctioned by Government for the promotion of Sanskrit, Vedic, Buddhist and Tibetan/Pali Students and for the institution of scholarships and allied financial assistance to students during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, a brief outline of such

schemes and the number of schemes who were given scholarships during the last three years;

(c) whether the schemes would be continued during the Seventh Plan;

(d) if so, the allocations, for such schemes for the Seventh Plan as also for each year of the Plan; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (e) A statement is given below.

Statement

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has been implementing a number of programmes for the development, promotion and propagation of Sanskrit, including Pali and Prakrit. These programmes are directly implemented or for their implementation financial support is provided to voluntary organisations, institutions and individuals. Financial assistance is given to States, voluntary organisations and institutions the provision of scholarships to students enrolled various Sanskrit courses, Pali and Prakrit.

The following scholarships programmes are being implemented by the Department of Education :

(a) Financial assistance is provided to State Governments for the provision of scholarships to students undergoing sanskrit education at the school stage, including the +2 stage. The amount of scholarship given to students is Rs. 10/- per month. Specific proposals, indicating among other things the number of students to be provided with scholarships and the amount required for the purpose are invited from the State Governments.

(b) Support is given to voluntary organisations for the promotion of Sanskrit (including Pali Prakrit) for awarding scholarships to selected students undergoing Sanskrit education on traditional lines.

The rates of scholarships vary from Rs. 50/ to 150/- per month, depending upon the course in which student is enrolled. Each year proposals, recommended by State Govts, are invited from these organisations. Support is given for salaries of teachers, scholarships students, purchase of books for library, repair of buildings and in some cases for development of infrastructural facilities.

(c) Under the scheme of preservation of oral tradition of vedas, scholarships are given @ Rs. 150/- per month to students who are attached to selected vedic scholars for indepth study of specific shakha of vedas. Scholarship is given to a student till he is able to learn that Shakha. Generally, the period of scholarship extends to six or more years.

(d) The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan which is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Education and which offers courses in Sanskrit, provides financial support to university departments of Sanskrit (including Prakrit and Pali) for awarding scholarships to selected students enrolled in courses ranging from Shastri (equivalent to BA) to Vidyavaridi (D-Litt.) levels. Rates of scholarships range from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 300/- per month. In addition, research scholars are given support for meeting contingent expenditure.

(e) Scholarships are given to selected students enrolled in Adarsh Pathshalas/Shodh Sansthans, in whose case the Government of India meets 95% of the approved expenditure. The amount of scholarship payable to a student ranges between Rs. 40/- to Rs. 75/- per month, depending upon the course in which he/she is enrolled.

(f) Scholarships are also provided to meritorious students enrolled in the seven Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas which are managed by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan. These vidyapeethas offer courses upto the Vidyavaridhi (D. Litt.) level. The rate of scholarship varies from Rs. 40/- to Rs. 300/- per month depending upon the course in which a student is enrolled.

2. A During the three years of 1982-83 to 1984-85, scholarships were provided

under various schemes to about 21,200 students enrolled in different institutions and in different courses. The total expenditure incurred on these scholarships is estimated to be Rs. 1.25 crore during these three years.

3. In 1983-84 and 1984-85 the Department of Education provided, as a special case scholarships to students enrolled in Buddhist monasteries located in Karnataka. The scholarships enabled students residing in these monasteries to undertake study of Buddhist and Tibetan texts. The total number of students provided with scholarships was 783 and the amount of grant sanctioned was Rs. 2.35 lakh.

4. The Department of Culture of the Ministry of Human Resource Development is administering a scheme under which financial assistance is given for the development of Buddhist/Tibetan institutions, the objective being to provide support for the study of Buddhist/Tibetan culture on scientific lines. Under this scheme financial assistance is, among other things, given for the award of fellowships/scholarship to students enrolled in various courses.

5. Since they are in the nature of incentives for motivating students to undertake Sanskrit studies, which is an important programme for the promotion and propagation of Sanskrit education, scholarships will continue to be given in the Seventh Five Year Plan to selected students enrolled in various courses. In view of the fact that enrolment varies from year to year, the number of students to whom scholarships will be given and the expenditure that will be incurred will vary from year to year. The amounts that will be utilised specifically on scholarships have been built into the outlays that have been approved for various schemes under which financial support is given to voluntary organisations/institutions for the development, promotion and propagation of Sanskrit, including Pali and Prakrit.

Transfer of Class IV SC/ST Employees of IA

5117. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :