Formulation of a Code of Conduct for Teachers

6073. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commissions on Teachers have suggested the formulation of a code of conduct for the teachers; and

(b) if so, steps taken in this regard so far.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESO-URCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIP.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of National Commissions on Teachers-I & II including the formulation of a code of conduct for the teachers are under examination of the government.

Universities Overburdened with Administrative Functions

6074. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the universities in India are overburdened with administrative functions resulting in less attention being paid to higher research; and

(b) if so, what scheme is being contemplated to remedy this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESO-URCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The phenomenal expansion of the higher education system has imposed a heavy strain on the existing administrative structure and machinery of universities, The management system of universities has also not been able to cope with the demands of changing circumstances. The question of evolving alternate models for the management of Universities that would strengthen efficiency, effectiveness and initiative of the university system is engaging the attention of Government.

Introduction of Laser Scalpel Surgery in India

6075. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether laser scalpel surgery has proved a great success in surgery abroad :

(b) whether this has been introduced in this country and if so, at what places and for which types of surgery; and

(c) whether Indian doctors have been placed in our Embassies in UK, Geneva, Switzerland and other countries to monitor such new findings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Government is aware of the use of laser scalpel surgery in a limited way in some of Western Countries.

(b) Government do not have any specific information as to whether this has been introduced anywhere in the Country.

(c) No, Sir.

National Book Policy

6076. SHRI B.V. DESAI : DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be placed to state :

(a) whether a three day workshop by National Book Development Council to evolve a national book policy was held in February, 1986;

(b) if so, whether a liberalisation of the quasi-monopoly enjoyed by Government controlled agencies on Text-books for primary school children was strongly opposed at the conference;

(c) if so, what were the other steps discussed and whether any recommendations have been put forward before Govergment;