

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) Regional Filaria Training and Research Centre, Rajahmundry is at present housed in a rental building. The construction of a building for this Centre has not been contemplated due to non availability of a suitable plot of land.

(c) The appointment of Group 'A' posts is made through the Union Public Service Commission. The post of Assistant Director (Medical) could not be filled up on regular basis as the incumbent nominated by U.P.S.C., did not report for duty. Efforts are being made to fill up this post on regular basis.

Youth Welfare Programmes in Karnataka

4916. SHRI H.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start Youth Welfare Programmes in the State of Karnataka particularly in rural and backward areas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be implemented ; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent during the current financial year as well as during the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) Government is already implementing different schemes for the benefit of the youth including those in the rural and backward areas of the country. The main scheme for rural youth is implemented through Nehru Yuva Kendras. Other schemes include National Service Volunteer Scheme, Assistance to Youth Clubs,

Organisation of National Integration Camps, Scheme for Training of Youth, Organisation of Exhibition for Youth, National Youth Award etc. Most of these schemes are implemented mainly through the Nehru Yuva Kendras. In Karnataka State there are 13 Nehru Yuva Kendras functioning at present. An amount of Rs. 26.00 crores is likely to be spent on youth programmes implemented by the Government in the current financial year. During the 7th Five Year Plan a provision of Rs. 99.20 crores exists for youth activities of the Government. About Rs. 26.00 lakhs have been sanctioned to the 13 Kendras functioning in Karnataka during the present financial year for establishment and programmes.

Delay in Research Projects of US Scholars

4917. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the representation made by university teachers in the United States to the Indian Ambassador about undue delay in the research projects submitted by them ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c) At a Symposium on American Understanding of India organised by the U.S. Library of Congress from October 23-25, 1986, as part of the Festival of India, some American scholars expressed dissatisfaction over alleged delays in the clearance of some research projects by Government of India. Government are aware of the desirability of expeditious clearance of research projects submitted by foreign scholars and every effort is made to expedite decision on such proposals after due consideration of relevant aspects.