

to ensure more prompt and effective implementation on account of its flexibility and better contact with Sanskrit scholars and institutions.

(d) The amount allocated for promotion of Sanskrit and the amount spent out of it during the last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)		
Year	B.E.	Expenditure
1988-89	604.15	552.68
1989-90	652.00	624.40
1990-91	872.00	829.73

(e) Two deemed universities, namely, (i) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth and (ii) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati and two autonomous organisations—(i) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan; and (ii) Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan are working under the Ministry for promotion of Sanskrit. Besides, there are about six hundred voluntary Sanskrit organisations and Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas which are working in this field for promotion of Sanskrit and are receiving grants. The amount allocated for promotion of Sanskrit during 1991-92 is Rs. 928.00 lakhs.

Conversion of the Residence of Freedom Fighter Shri Vir Kumar Singh to a National Museum

4358. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the residence of famous freedom fighter of 1857, Shri Vir Kumar Singh in Arrah, Bhojpur in Bihar into a National Museum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal received in this regard.

Ayurvedic Hospital in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh

4359. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Ayurvedic hospital in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of beds for which there is arrangement in the said hospital; and

(c) the time by which all the facilities are likely to be provided in this hospital?

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

[English]

Setting up of regional office of UGC at Pune

4360. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a long standing demand to set up a regional office of University Grants Commission at Pune; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) UGC has taken a decision, in principle, to set up regional offices. No decision on the location of these offices has been taken. According to the information furnished by UGC,

no request for setting up a regional office at Pune seems to have been received by the Commission.

[*Translation*]

Forest Area

4361. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest area in the country at the time of independence;

(b) the extent to which it declined in each decade after independence; and

(c) the total area of land where afforestation work has been undertaken after independence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the 'Handbook of Forest Statistics 1961 the total forest area in the country at the time of independence (1946-47) was 34.762 million ha. (347,620 sq. kms.) and in 1953-54 it was 73.25 million ha.

(b) The Forest area during the following periods is as under:

1959-60	69.444 million ha. (Indian Forest Statistics 1958-59 — 1960-61)
1969-70	75.033 million ha. (India's Forests 1972)
1980-81	75.062 million ha. (India's Forests 1984)
1987	75.18 million ha. (SFR 1989)

(c) Total area of land where afforestation work has been undertaken from 1st Five Year Plan to the end of the 7th Five Year Plan is 17 million ha.

[*English*]

Implementation of Three Language Formula

4362. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States who have implemented the three language formula;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to allocate special assistance to such State Governments who could not implement the three language formula due to financial constraints; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) With the exception of Tamil Nadu, which is implementing a Two Language Formula, all the States have accepted the Three Language Formula in principle. The extent of implementation varies from State to State.

(b) and (c) The Central Government have taken the following measures for assisting the States in implementing the Three Language Formula:—

- (i) Training facilities for language teachers at school stage is provided (a) through Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and its regional centres located at Delhi, Hyderabad, Mysore, Guwahati and Shillong, to Hindi teachers belonging to non-Hindi speaking areas and (b) through Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and its regional centres at Mysore, Patiala, Pune and Bhubaneswar to teachers of other modern Indian Languages. Two Urdu Research and Training Centres at Solan and Lucknow are also imparting training for Urdu teaching.