

(c) and (d). Attempts are being made to improve the quality of the text-books and the quality of instruction in schools so as to dissuade students from using poor quality guides.

(e) A series of coordinated measures have been initiated by the Government to raise the standards of education in the country. Some of these measures include renewal of curriculum, improvement of the quality of text books used at different stages of school education, introduction of the norms of minimum levels of learning at different stages of school education, training of in-service teachers to improve their professional competence, utilisation of educational technology for bringing about improvement in the quality of education, provision of essential facilities which are required for effective transaction of curriculum in schools.

[English]

#### Literacy programme in States

1091. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have adopted the Area Approach to eradicate illiteracy by selecting some areas in the first instance for implementation of the literacy programme;

(b) the names of the selected areas and plan of action for complete eradication of illiteracy, State-wise; and

(c) the targets fixed for the areas and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a)

to (c). A statement is given below.

#### STATEMENT

According to the information furnished by the State Government, the following is the present position in the different States:

*Goa:*

A project for achieving 100% literacy in their entire State of Goa by January 1991 has been taken up by the State Government.

*Gujarat:*

The Sakshartha Abhiyan launched by the Government of Gujarat and the Gujarat Vidyapeeth in May 1988 aims at making 35 lakh adults literate by July 1990.

*Karnataka:*

In place of its earlier proposal for covering 49 taluks in different districts, the State Government is now proposing to take up two districts, Bijapur and South Kanara, for total eradication of illiteracy by February 1991.

*Kerala:*

A campaign for complete eradication of illiteracy under the auspices, *inter alia*, of the Kerala Shastra Sahitya Parishad, was completed successfully in January 1990 in District Ernakulam. The state Government is launching a campaign for complete eradication of illiteracy in the entire State of Kerala.

*Orissa:*

The State Government has launched a mass programme for 100% literacy in 70 community development blocks by mobilising voluntary agencies, industrial organisations, students, etc.

**Pondicherry:**

A voluntary agency, named—'PUDUVAL ARIVOLI IYAKKAM SOCIETY' has undertaken a project to cover a total of 1.50 lakh illiterate in the Union Territory by 1990-91.

**Uttar Pradesh:**

The State Government has undertaken an experimental project to achieve 100% literacy in 6 blocks of Mirzapur District in 3 phases (1990-91) with a coverage of 6.00 lakh illiterate adults. A separate project for covering 1.50 lakh illiterates in the age-group 6-35 in 400 villages of 4 blocks in the newly created district of Sonbhadra is proposed to be undertaken by a voluntary agency named—Banavasi Seva Ashram, Govindpur

**West Bengal:**

The State Government has taken up a project for imparting functional literacy to about 47.36 lakh illiterate adults in 114 development blocks i.e. 1/3rd of the total number of blocks in the State.

In addition several State Governments are taking up complete eradication of illiteracy in selected districts towns, blocks of villages.

**Hyperplane Project**

1092. DR. A.K.PATEL:  
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the hyperplane project which is proposed to revolutionise the launch vehicle technology;

(b) the cost of the project and the resultant benefits expected of it;

(c) how it would compare with the launch vehicle technology of other advanced countries; and

(d) the priority assigned to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (d). A team of scientists has carried out a conceptual study regarding options for futuristic launch vehicles. There is no project proposal regarding development of Hyperplane at present.

**UGC Pay Scales to Medical College Teachers**

1093. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is disparity between the pay scales of Medical College teachers and teachers in Art and Science College, Engineering College, Veterinary Colleges, Agricultural Colleges and Law Colleges etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to include Medical College teachers also under the UGC Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON) (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by them, the Government of Kerala have decided to extend the UGC Scheme of Revision of Pay Scales in the universities and colleges of Kerala Vide their order dated 13th March, 1990. The State Government have however indicated that the detailed orders indicating the implementation of the specific provisions of the scheme relating to