

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