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**Demand of National Rights Association  
of Blind for Reservation in Jobs**

2820. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rights Association of Blind has demanded reservation in Group A and B posts and filling up of backlog in Groups C and D posts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Government has under consideration the demands from various associations working for the welfare of the blinds and the physically handicapped, on reservation for the physically handicapped in Groups A and B posts.

Special Recruitment Drive was started in 1987 for filling up the backlog of vacancies reserved for visually handicapped and hearing handicapped. A special examination has also been held on 17.6.90 to clear the backlog as existing on 1.4.1990.

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**Public Libraries in Delhi**

2821. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Libraries in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware of the poor state of affairs of the Public Libraries in Delhi;

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve the

situation and maintain those libraries in a systematic manner; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The Delhi Public Library, Delhi runs 173 service points in Delhi and the Delhi Administration operates 49 Public Libraries in the City.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

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**Amount Allotted for Education**

2822. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to State Governments for education during this year, state-wise;

(b) whether there is any formula fixing the extent of Central help to State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) A Statement is given below.

(b) and (c). Central assistance to States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Education sector is made on need basis within the overall resource constraint. Assistance under Border Area Development (Education) Programme is in the nature of additionality to the State Plans of J & K, Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan.