

OPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN):

(a) The NBCC constructed 12 buildings in Iraq at a cost of Rs. 202.53 crores.

(b) and (c). Part Payments have been received and the outstanding balance is Rs. 91.85 crores.

Out of the balance amount, Rs. 71.79 crores are covered under the deferred payment agreements signed between the Government of India and the Government of Iraq. As per these agreements, the dues are payable in instalments by April 1996. Some dues are to be realised in cash in US Dollars/local currency.

Closure of Schools, Colleges and Universities to Spread Literacy

1677. **PROF. P. J. KURIEN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some educationalists have suggested that all Colleges, Schools and Universities be closed for one year so as to engage the students to spread literacy; and

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

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMAN-GAL PANDE): (a) A suggestion to this effect was discussed in the meeting of the Council of National Literacy Mission Authority held on 15th February, 1991. The suggestion was generally endorsed by the Council.

(b) Teachers and students have been playing an important role in the National Literacy Mission ever since its inception. For this purpose necessary dialogues have taken place with the representatives of All India Primary Teachers' Federation, All India University and College Teachers' Organisa-

tion, Director General of National Cadet Corps and functionaries of National Service Scheme. A mass programme of functional literacy to secure the involvement of teachers and students has been in operation since May, 1986, the ambit of which is being extended from year to year. In the wake of two country-wide jathas organised for creating environment conducive to literacy, mass campaigns for total literacy have been taken up in the entire States of Kerala and Goa, Union Territory of Pondicherry, 100 Talukas in Gujarat and 31 districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in 1990-91 in which there is sizeable involvement of students and teachers from schools/colleges/universities. The National Literacy Mission will continue to make all efforts to secure the maximum possible involvement of teachers and students on a voluntary basis.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala

1678. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for providing buildings to house any of the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMAN-GAL PANDE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Sangathan constructs buildings for Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil and Defence Sectors only, subject to provision of land by the sponsoring authorities, while the buildings for Kendriya Vidyalayas under the Project Sector are provided by the project authorities themselves.