

### **Aid to Voluntary Agencies For Family Planning**

1803. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on Family Planning Programme during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) the amount given to voluntary agencies engaged in promoting small family drive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) A sum of Rs. 653.00 crores and Rs. 675.00 Crores under Plan have been allocated for implementation of Family Welfare Programme during 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) A sum of Rs. 352.51 lakhs been given by the Central Government to voluntary agencies during 1989-90. During 1990-91, a sum of Rs. 184.29 lakhs has so far been released to voluntary agencies for implementation of the programme.

### **Reservation of Coloured Handloom Cloth to Handloom Sector**

1804. SHRI J. CHOKKARAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government propose to reserve coloured handloom cloth to handloom sector to boost the earnings of the weaver families;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Reservation of items for exclusive production on handlooms is made on

product basis. At present 22 items are reserved for exclusive production on handlooms. The matter is however sub-judice.

(b) Does not arise in view of the above.

### **Expenditure on the Scheme "Operation Black Board"**

1805. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Operation Black Board was implemented in different parts of the country with the Central aid;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on this scheme so far; and

(c) the details about the success of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 488.83 Crores has been released as Central Assistance under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard to State/UTs Admn. till 28th February, 1991.

(c) So far, 345067 Primary schools have been covered under the programme for provision of essential teaching learning equipment, and 91871 posts of additional teachers in single teacher schools have been sanctioned. According to latest reports, over 50 percent of the primary schools covered under the scheme have already been supplied with essential Teaching Learning Equipment. 63517(69.36%) teachers have been appointed in single teacher schools.

### **Delay in Disbursing U.G.C. Grants to Colleges in Kerala**

1806. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inordinate delay occurs in disbursing University Grants Commission grants to different colleges in Kerala;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b). Development grants are provided by the University Grants Commission to eligible colleges including those in the State of Kerala in accordance with the guidelines prescribed for the purpose. After the proposals are scrutinised by the Secretariat of the Commission, the grants are generally released to a college provided the college has submitted utilisation certificate, audited statement of accounts and other relevant documents in respect of earlier grants sanctioned for similar purpose. According to the information furnished by UGC, generally there is no delay in releasing the approved grants provided the requisite documents are received from the colleges and keeping the overall resource position of the UGC in view.

(c) The University Grants Commission has issued detailed guidelines for submission of proposals for financial assistance and requested Universities and Colleges to send their proposals with full documentation. In addition, in order to expedite the procedure of release of grants of research projects, the Commission has now decentralised the implementation of minor research projects through the universities and for major research projects the experts are invited in a group to the Commission's Office for their recommendations. The Scheme of Teacher Fellowships in colleges has also been decentralised at the university level.

[Translation]

**News Item Captioned "Lodhi Road School Main Zehrila Doodh Pine Se Do Sau Bachche Blmar"**

1807. SHRISHEO SHARAN VERMA:  
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:  
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Lodhi Road School Main Zehrila Doodh Pine So Do Sau Bachche Bihar" appearing in the daily 'Janastha' dated February 22, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the information furnished by the NDMC, over 200 children of NDMC school complained of giddiness and stomach pain after consuming soyabean milk, distributed on 21.2.91. The affected children were shifted to the Safdarjung Hospital. About 200 children had reported to the Casualty. About 15 cases were shifted to the ward of the Hospital for observation and the rest were discharged. Subsequently, the remaining children were also discharged. The concerned authorities have taken the following measures in this regard:-

(a) The distribution of soyabean milk was stopped immediately.