

Science Centre at Vijayawada

203. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Science Centre at Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives and programmes likely to be taken up at that Science Centre; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be established?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). The National Council of Science Museums, (NCSM), Calcutta, an Autonomous Organisation under this Department, has accepted the proposal for setting up of a Science Centre at Vijayawada with the financial assistance from the Andhra Pradesh Council of Science & Technology, an Andhra Pradesh Government Institution. The site plan for the Centre has been prepared and the requisite area has been demarcated. However, the proposed site has not yet been handed over to the NCSM.

(c) The objectives and programmes of the Vijayawada Science Centre will be:-

Objectives:

(i) to popularise science and technology through visitors participation in exhibits and activities.

(ii) to foster creative talent and inculcate a spirit of inquiry amongst the young children.

(iii) to supplement science education in schools and establish a self reliant culture in education.

(iv) to take science to the door of common man and to create a scientific temper in the community.

Programmes

Saemi-permanent galleries, circulating exhibitions, popular science demonstrations, science fairs, science seminars creative hobby and community development programmes particularly relating to rural areas.

(d) Expected time of completion is 18-24 months from the date of handing over of the plot of land to NCSM.

[Translation]**Non-Formal Education Centres**

204. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-formal education centers functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether job-oriented courses have been introduced in these centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of centres likely to be set up during 1993-94, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A

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Statement is attached.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The scheme of Non-formal Education is an alternative strategy, to impart education

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of a standard comparable to formal school, to children who for one reason or the other can not attend formal school. Hence there is no concept of job-oriented course in the scheme of Non-formal Education.

(e) It is proposed to continue the centres sanctioned during 1992-93 in 1993-94 also.

STATEMENT

Sl.No	State/UT	No. of NFE Centres run by State/UTs	No. of NFE centres run by Voluntary Agency	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	24400	2515	26915
2.	Assam	13508	555	14063
3.	Bihar	50000	1705	51705
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	2145	25	2170
5.	Madhya Pradesh	34080	375	34455
6.	Orissa	13448	6250	19698
7.	Rajasthan	9575	990	10565
8.	Uttar Pradesh	59780	500	62200
9.	West Bengal	.	960	960
10.	Delhi	.	375	375
11.	Gujarat	1550	2000	3550
12.	Haryana	.	685	685
13.	Himachal Pradesh	.	350	350
14.	Karnataka	.	200	200

Sl.No	State/UT	No. of NFE Centres run by State/UTs	No. of NFE centres run by Voluntary Agency	Total
1	2	3	4	5
15.	Kerala	.	150	150
16.	Maharashtra	.	2600	2600
17.	Manipur	2500	100	2600
18.	Mizoram	200	.	200
19.	Tamil Nadu	200	800	1000
20.	Chandigarh	100	.	100
21.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	.	.	.
	Total	2,11,486.	23,135	2,34,621