

**CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :** (a) All the States/Union Territories have agreed in principle to the adoption of 10+2 pattern of school education. For degree level the University Grants Commission has also issued regulations with effect from 1.6.1986 laying down that no student shall be eligible for the award of the first degree unless he has successfully completed a 3-year course after 12 years of schooling.

(b) No States have, so far, expressed any reluctance to follow these regulations. However, Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab and Rajasthan have sought extension of time beyond 1.6.1986, which has been agreed to by the U.G.C.

(c) According to information available, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh have not switched over to the three-year degree course.

**Steps taken to eliminate scarcity of water**

455. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL :  
DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) after the visit of the Prime Minister to the drought prone and desert areas in various States, what steps Government have taken for water resources development and to eliminate drinking water scarcity and scarcity of water for agricultural purposes;

(b) the details of the new National Water Policy document; and

(c) when the new policy is likely to be announced ?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :**  
(a) A total Central assistance of Rs. 402.12 crores was approved for State Governments for drought relief during 1986-87 so far, out of which an amount of Rs. 157.77 crores was earmarked for drinking water programmes.

(b) and (c). The draft of the National Water Policy document will be placed before the next meeting of the National Water Resources Council for consideration.

**High incidence of leprosy in Calcutta**

456. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Calcutta has the highest concentration of leprosy cases; and

(b) if so, the number of cases registered ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of registered leprosy cases in Calcutta as on 1.3.85 is 13878.

**Shipping deal of Shipping Corporation of India with South Korean ship builder**

457. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Fishy ship purchase deal by SCI aborted" appearing in the Patriot dated 23 September, 1986 wherein it has been reported that some of the top brass in the Shipping Corporation of India are alleged to have conspired to make money in a ship purchase deal with a South Korean ship-builder and that the timely action by the Ministry saved the country of drainage of Rs 100 crores in foreign exchange;

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the action, if any, initiated by Government against the concerned officers to check recurrence of such incidents ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Committee has been constituted to have a fresh appraisal of the ship acquisition procedures of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. The Committee will inter-alia look into the orders placed by SCI on a South Korean Ship Yard for 12 bulk carriers to ascertain whether the orders placed were on competitive rates, and were on realistic estimate of freight earnings and will also comment on the future course of action alongwith financial implications on this specific acquisition. Further action if any would be initiated after the Committee submits its report.

**Quitting of post by Ken Bosen-India's chief athletics coach**

**458. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:**  
Will the minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Bosen quits in disgust to coach in Taiwan" appearing in the patriot dated 30 September, 1986, wherein it is inter alia mentioned about development of Sports that "the problem in India is not that we are following the wrong system, but that we have no system"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Although the working of many national sports federations and other agencies engaged in the promotion of sports needs improvement. it is difficult to share the view that there is no sports system in the country. According to information furnished by the Director-General, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, Shri Bosen has refused for "all time to come" the offer of employment made to him by the Taiwan Athletic Federation. Shri Bosen continues in his present job in the Institute.

**Care available to patients in All India Institute of Medical Sciences**

**459. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:**  
**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 50 per cent of the patients of Neuro-surgery who come to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, die before they get an appointment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are proposed to be taken to improve the situation ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) The AIIMS Hospital provides adequate medical care within the constraints of space and finance to all patients including those needing consultations with Neuro Surgeons. The Neuro-surgery OPD, which functioned once a week in the past, has started functioning three times a week in view of the increased workload. The bed strength of the Neuro-surgery Department is at present 39. The expansion programme of Neuro Sciences Centre is already in progress in a phased manner. When the Centre is commissioned fully, it will have 180 beds for Neuro-surgery including 15 to 20 intensive care beds.

**Proposal to declare P. T. Usha as National athlete**

**460. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:**  
**SHRI MUKUL WASNIK :**  
**SHRI SODE RAMAIAH :**  
**SHRI MULLAPPALLY**  
**RAMACHANDRAN :**

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

(a) whether the Kerala Government has recommended to Union Government to