

**Proposal to Develop Various Regional Languages During Seventh Plan**

2604. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to promote various regional languages during Seventh Plan ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the amount earmarked therefor, language-wise and State-wise ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to promote Telugu under this programme ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) An outlay of Rs. 15.29 crores has been approved for the development, promotion and propagation of regional languages in the Seventh Five Year Plan. This outlay will be utilised for research, training and extension activities of the language institutions set up by the Ministry, assistance to voluntary organizations, appointment of Hindi teachers and establishment of Hindi teacher training institutions in non-Hindi speaking States, support to publications in Hindi and other regional languages, preparation and production of university level books through State Governments, Universities, etc. The outlays have not been earmarked language-wise and State-wise. Proposals from organisations working for various languages (including Telugu) are considered for financial assistance as and when they are received.

**Assistance of UNFPA for Revised Family Welfare Strategy**

2605. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assistance has been sought from United National Fund for Population Activities for establishing communication support set-up for launching the revised family welfare strategy by Union Government ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the support extended by United Nations Fund for Population Activities in favour of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) No proposal to seek assistance for UNFPA for establishing Communication Support Organisation has yet been formulated.

[*Translation*.]

**Maintenance of Ancient Indian Monuments in India and Abroad**

2606. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees are sanctioned every year by Government for the maintenance of monuments of archaeological importance ;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned and State-wise details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the maintenance of ancient Indian monuments and manuscripts is not satisfactory in India and abroad ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government or the advice rendered to State Governments concerning this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The amount allocated by the Union Government for the maintenance, conservation and preservation of centrally protected monuments in the year 1986-87 is indicated state-wise in the attached statement.

(c) No, Sir. The maintenance of centrally protected monuments in India is not unsatisfactory. The manuscripts are not maintained by Archaeological Survey of except a few in their Site Museums which are well preserved.

(d) Does not arise.