

(b) No scheme is under consideration at present.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Shifting of Indian Institute of Advanced Studies

5307. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTHY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for shifting of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies located at Shimla; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are suggestions that the functioning of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study could be further improved if it is located at a place where there is a possibility of interchange and interaction with a large number of educational and research institutions.

Bridge over River Machchu on National Highway No. 8A

5308. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether breaches have appeared on the bridge over river Machchu on National Highway No. 8A;

(b) if so, the reasons for this premature damage; and

(c) whether the bridge is proposed to be repaired before monsoon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). Some cracks have recently been reported to

have appeared in the articulation portion of the balanced cantilever girders of Machchu Bridge on National Highway No. 8A. These are mainly due to the mal-functioning of the existing metallic bearings which are proposed to be replaced now by neoprene bearings. An estimate for repairs has already been sanctioned and the work is planned to be completed before the ensuing monsoons.

Rehabilitation of Jogins

5309. SHRIMATI USHA CHOU-DHARY :
SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH :

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

(a) whether Union Government propose to take steps for the Rehabilitation of jogins in Nizamabad;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the jogins are also entitled to reliefs being provided to the bonded labour, if so, the kind of help given so far and future programme of assistance in this regard ?

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) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh are taking steps for the rehabilitation of jogins in Nizamabad.

(b) Some of the rehabilitation measures proposed to be taken by the State Government are as follows :

(i) Allotment of house sites to jogins on preferential basis either from Government lands or by acquiring lands.

(ii) Housing for jogins to be taken up under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Scheme (RLEGS).