

KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Two Cultural troupes from Bihar were sent.

(b) These groups presented Seraikella Chhau and Paika Dance at the Inaugural ceremonies in Moscow and Leningrad. They performed also at the following other locations in USSR.

SARAIKELLA CHHAU: Moscow, Leningrad, Ulan Ude, Kemerovo, Irkutsk, Khavorivsk, Novosibirsk.

PAIKA: Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad, Simperopol, Zaporozhve, Kistnev, Kharkov and Poltava.

[*English*]

Filling up of Reserved Vacancies in Delhi

2752. SHRI SAMAR BRAHMA CH-
OUDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN
FESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased
to state:

(a) the reasons for Delhi University not complying with the reservation policy of Government in regard to filling up of requisite percentage of reserved vacancies for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether instructions have been issued by Government to fill up the reserved vacancies in Delhi University; and

(c) if so, by what time, it is proposed to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the University is strictly following the Government guidelines for reservation in appointments to the non-teaching posts. For teaching posts, the UGC guidelines provide for reservation in appointments upto the level of lecturers/assistant professors only. According to the criteria adopted by the

University, all candidates belonging to SC/ST who fulfil the minimum qualifications prescribed for the post of lecturer should be invited for interview and preference should be given to such candidates, other things being equal. The University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development have been impressing upon the University from time to time to ensure that the Government/UGC guidelines are strictly observed.

[*Translation*]

Education of Handicapped Children

2753. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council of Educational Research and Training has made a provision of Rs. 20 crores for the education of handicapped children in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred out of it, in various States for education to the handicapped children during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the number of handicapped children/youth benefited thereby in each State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Illiteracy Amongst Women in West Bengal

2754. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of illiterate women in West Bengal at the end of 1986; and