

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) There are 3574 centrally protected monuments, comprises of Forts, Palaces, Temples, Mosques, Churches, Monastries, Stupas, Cemeteries and excavated sites etc.

(b) the expenditure incurred on maintenance, conservation preservation and environmental development of centrally protected monuments in India during the last three years are as given below -

1993-94	Rs 1120.28 lakhs
1994-95	Rs 1050.17 lakhs
1995-96	Rs.1473.50 lakhs

(c) The monuments are protected by the ASI as per the provisions of the A.M.A.S.R. Act, 1958 and by the State Governments under the relevant Archaeological Acts. The identification and explorations of the monument are a continuous process.

(d) The maintenance and conservation of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. The centrally protected monuments are managed by the ASI through its Circle Offices spread all over India. These monuments are inspected regularly by the Officers from the Circles/Branches as well as from the Directorate. Conservation measures are taken up according to actual needs of individual monuments and as per the availability of resources.

Bridge on N.H. 17, Goa

2863. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have shelved the plan to build a bridge over across Galgibagh river and river Talpona in Canacona taluka of South Goa district on the proposed bye-pass to National Highway No. 17:

(b) if not, when the work is scheduled to commence:

(c) whether any funds were allocated for this project: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). These bridges works are connected with the realignment of Km. 68-85 of NH-17 in Goa. This involves construction of new highway in a length of about 7.15 km. and construction of two bridges - bridge across river Talpona comprising 7 spans of 50m each and bridge across river Galgibagh comprising 4 spans of 50m each. They are included in the VIII Five Year Plan. Rough cost of the projects is Rs. 25.00 crores. Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests has been obtained. The project is proposed to be taken up under private sector participation.

[Translation]

Computer Education in KVs

2864. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce computer education in Kendriya Vidyalayas shortly: and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) and (b) Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (Class) in Kendriya Vidyalayas which was introduced in the year 1984-85, at present covers 325 Kendriya Vidyalayas by providing BBC Micro Computers. This scheme was revised by Government of India in 1994-95 by phasing out the existing hardware gradually with modified hardware covering students of classes XI and XII and providing of full time instructors and imparting training to teachers through outside agencies. In addition "Introductory Computer Science" as an elective subject at plus two stage was sanctioned in 28 Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1995-96 and 6 more Kendriya Vidyalayas have been added during 1996-97.

Special Scholarship to Players

2865. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government provide any special scholarships to the national and international level players:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any scheme to provide reservation for them in Government services is under consideration of the Central Government: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Govt. provides scholarships to the national and international level players under the following schemes.

1. *Scholarship for training of specialists and outstanding sportspersons in sports/ adventure abroad* : Under this scheme, financial assistance is being provided to outstanding sportspersons for training abroad.
2. *Promotion of sports and physical education among women* : Under this scheme, scholarship upto Rs.6000/- per annum is