

World Bank Report on Female-Male Ratio

3856. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had expressed concern over the declining female-male ratio in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; including the top worries highlighted therein;

(c) whether the World Bank Report has been examined by the Union Government;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(e) the suggestions, which are proposed to be implemented by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank Report titled "Improving Women's Health in India" inter-alia, mentions that:

(i) India is one of the countries where males significantly out-number females; (ii) the sex ratio of the population has become increasingly weighted toward men; (iii) higher incidence of female mortality and morbidity rates; and (iv) the spreading practice of sex-selective abortion has an additional (although currently low) impact on the already female deficient sex-ratio.

(c) to (e). The Government has noted the contents of the report. Various Programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented by the Government in the country for the welfare and development of women and Girl Child. Attempts are also being made to project positive images of girl child so as to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards them. The Government has also initiated a media campaign to generate awareness on various issues relating to girl child. The National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991-2000AD) for the girl child focussing on the survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS structure. Government has enacted the Pre-natal Diagnostic techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 which came into force with effect from 1-1-96 which provides that use of diagnostic techniques for the purpose of pre-natal sex determination leading to female foeticide is a legal offence.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh

3857. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas opened in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh location-wise;

(b) whether buildings of each of these schools have been constructed;

(c) if not, the number of schools without building along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which buildings for these schools are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) A Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned in Mandla District during the year 1992-93.

(b) to (d). The construction work of the building for the Vidyalaya in Mandla district had to be stopped by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti as part of the land offered was withdrawn by the State Government. Construction work can be restarted only after suitability of the alternate land offered is ascertained and it is transferred to the Samiti by the State Government.

[English]

Sea Bird Naval Base

3858. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the foundation stone for "Sea Bird" naval base in Karnataka was laid;

(b) when the activities relating to first phase of "Sea Bird" naval base had commenced and the target date set for its completion;

(c) the estimated cost involved in the same;

(d) in how many phases, the entire proposed project will be taken up; and

(e) the details of taking up of different phases with estimated cost thereof and the time schedule for commencement of the activities, phase-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The foundation stone for 'Sea Bird' Naval Base in Karnataka was laid on 24 October, 1986.

(b) to (e). CCPA had approved in 1985 an expenditure of Rs. 350 crores at 1985 price level for the first ten years phase of a new Naval Base at Karwar. The Detailed Project Report for the Phase I of 'Sea Bird' Naval Base was completed in