

(b) if so, the names of the organisations which have agreed in the regard; and

(c) the details of the main plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. However, the National Literacy Mission has envisaged that voluntary agencies will be involved on a large scale for spread of the functional literacy programme, for training and technical resource development, experimentation and innovation, etc. It has been estimated that about 300 voluntary organisations will be involved in the programme in 1987-88, 700 in 1988-89 and 1000 in 1989-90.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Scope of Non-formal Education

461. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK:  
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:  
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

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

(a) whether Government have recently revised and enlarged the scope of the Non-Formal Education Scheme so as to cover all the States; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the main characteristic of this revised scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes Sir. The earlier scheme was confined to nine educationally backward States;- Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Jammu &

Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The revised scheme has now been extended to cover ten educationally backward States (Arunachal Pradesh having been added as the tenth educationally backward State) and in addition, to all other States and Union Territories in urban slums, hilly, desert and tribal areas, and areas with concentration of working children.

(b) The main characteristics of the scheme are its stress upon area-specific, population-specific planning with emphasis on programmes on a project basis, each project comprising of about 100 centres in a compact and contiguous areas coterminous with a C.D. block thereby ensuring proper supervision, monitoring, management and administration. Cost of training of instructors is being provided and costs for teaching/learning material, equipment and lighting have been revised upwards.

#### Observance of Centenaries and Anniversaries of Important Personalities

462. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any calendar for the next 15 years for the observance of centenaries and anniversaries of important personalities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any suggestions have also been made to the Ministries of Communications and Information and Broadcasting for issuing commemoration stamps and publication of suitable literature including biographies, collection of speeches/writings, respectively to highlight the contribution made by these personalities to the task of nation building or the world of letters, arts, culture, sciences and social services;