

2. Setting up of bird watcher clubs of local educated villagers so as to seek their cooperation in protecting the birds.

Publication of Tantra Manuscripts

8882. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government has requested Union Government for financial assistance for the publication of Tantra Manuscripts only available in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action taken 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.

(b) Does not arise.

Codification of Odissi Dances

8883. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether steps have been taken for condification, documentation and dissemination of Odissi dances if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken for training of Odissi Gurus, Odissi dances and music;

(c) whether Orissa Government has established a Research Centre for Odissi dance and music and whether financial assistance has been provided by Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation of this Department has since long been engaged in preservation and promotion of Odissi

dance and music through its programmes of documentation and dissemination. Nine eminent Gurus and many other young artists have been documented for the Akademi's Archives. Special emphasis is given to promoting young Odissi musicians and dancers under its Plan scheme 'Sponsorship of young talents; "Yuva Utsavas"'. Since 1985 the Akademi has presented eighteen young Odissi dancers in various Yuva Utsavs.

(b) The Akademi provides financial support to cultural institutions for training dance and music. During the last three years the Akademi has been giving financial support to six cultural institutions in Orissa for training Odissi dance and music.

(c) The Government is aware of Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar. Being a State Government's institution the Centre does not receive any financial support either from Sangeet Natak Akademi or from Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Preservation of Manuscripts by Voluntary Organisations

8884. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names, locations and addresses of voluntary organisations and institutions which have obtained Government grants for collection and preservation of manuscripts and also of manuscript-libraries which have received grants for maintenance;

(b) whether technical and scientific services from the National Archives of India are provided to voluntary organisations and libraries to save and preserve their manuscripts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and, if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The National Archives of India is operating a scheme for

the preservation of manuscripts under which financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations/institutions. The grants given to various organisations/institutions during the last 3 years is indicated as per Statement-I laid on the table of the House.

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(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per Statement-II laid on the table of the House.

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Homoeopathic Doctors in Railways

8885. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of homoeopathic doctors in the Railways, zone-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to ameliorate the service conditions of these doctors including regularisation of their services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) There are no Homoeopathic Doctors in the Medical Department of the Indian Railways.

(b) and (c). Do not arise. However, under the aegis of the Staff Benefit Fund Scheme, the respective Managing Committees have engaged Homoeopathic Practitioners on honorarium basis. These doctors are not employees of Railways and there are no proposals to create posts for systems medicine other than allopathic system.

Deaths due to Parasitic Diseases

8886. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the number of persons who die annually due to parasitic diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons suffering by this disease admitted in Delhi hospitals during 1987; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by Government to check the parasitic disease ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. of persons suffering from parasitic diseases admitted in some Delhi Hospitals during 1987 is as follows :

Parasitic diseases	LNJP	Hindu Rao	AIIMS	ESI
Malaria	271	235	41	19
Filaria	8	—	—	—
Ancylostomiasis and Necatoriasis	2	2	—	—