

State Subject. Action on the suggestions made by the Union Government has, therefore, to be taken by the State Governments. However, the matter is reviewed by the Union Government from time to time. The last such review was made in the Conference of State Ministers of Co-operation held in Delhi in December, 1987. By and large, the State Governments have responded positively to the suggestions for strengthening the cooperative societies and holding elections.

**Setting up of Adarsh Sanskrit  
Pathshalas**

1311. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken for opening of the Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas during the remaining two years of the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the places in which the Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas would be set up; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which the decision would be taken ?

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.

(b) and (c). Inspection Committees constituted by Government have inspected some institutions in Himachal Pradesh and Bihar. The reports of the Committees will be placed before the duly constituted Grants Committee, which is likely to meet at the end of August, 1988. The details about the places where the Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas would be set up, will be known only after the decisions taken by the Grants Committee become available.

**Cultural Exchange Programme  
with Spain and Italy**

1312. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any cultural exchange programmes between India and Spain and India and Italy are proposed to be formulated for better understanding between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) We already have cultural exchange programmes with Spain and Italy.

(b) The Indo-Spanish Cultural Exchange Programme was finalised and signed in Delhi on 31st January, 1986 and is valid till 31st December, 1988. Similarly, the Indo-Italian Cultural Exchange Programme was also concluded in Delhi on 12th March, 1987. This Programme is valid till 31.12.1989. Both the Programmes envisage collaboration/co-operation in the fields of education and science, art and culture, radio and television and sports and youth, more particularly through :

1. exchange of academicians/scholars experts/specialists/professors/performing artistes in the fields of Indian Art/Architecture/ Archaeology/ Philosophy / History/Archives/ Libraries/language and literature;

(2) exchange of books, publications and micro-films of mutual interest;

(3) exchange of scientific information and co-operation in the area of science and technology;

(4) award of scholarships to each other's nationals;

(5) holding of exhibitions, film weeks and participation in international film festivals organised in both the countries;

(6) collaboration between national bodies of radio and television of the two countries; and

(7) exchange of youth delegations, visual and printed material on sports.