

Distt. Science Centres in Andhra Pradesh

1371. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in Andhra Pradesh where District Science Centres have been opened during the last three years ;

(b) the names of those districts in Andhra Pradesh where such centres are expected to be opened during the next two years i.e. by the end of the Seventh Plan ; and

(c) the details thereof including financial assistance provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) No District Science Centre has been opened in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years .

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed interest in setting up two District Science Centres at locations still to be finalised. The project is expected to be completed only in the Eighth plan period;

(c) The National Council of Science Museums, Calcutta, at autonomous organisation fully financed by the Central Government, is engaged in setting up Science Centres all over the country in collaboration with the concerned State Governments. For setting up each District Science Centre, the State Government is required to make available 5 acres of land free of cost and share 50% of the cost of setting up each Centre. The present estimated cost for the setting up of a District Science Centre is Rs. 40 lakhs.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh

1372. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Andhra Pradesh where Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened so far and the number of vidyalayas which do not have pucca buildings at present ;

(b) the details of opening of such vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh by the end of the Seventh Plan ;

(c) whether one such Vidyalaya is proposed to be opened in District Mahboob Nagar ;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) 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) A Statement containing the names of the places where Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened so far in Andhra Pradesh is given below. All the Vidyalayas have been functioning in pucca buildings provided by the State Government., in some cases on temporary basis and in others on permanent basis.

(b) to (e). As envisaged in the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, one vidyalaya in each district of the country is to be established during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. Out of 23 districts in Andhra Pradesh, 19 districts have already been provided with such Vidyalayas and Vidyalayas in the remaining 4 districts, including district Mahboob Nagar, are expected to be established by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan subject to availability of funds.