

**Programme to Provide Nutritive Food to Weaker Sections**

2313. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of providing nutritive food to the weaker sections particularly the children is being worked out in Maharashtra ;

(b) the number of beneficiaries covered under this programme during the last three years ;

(c) whether any assessment has been made to find out as to what extent the programme has been helpful in raising the nutritional level and also caloric intake ;

(d) if so, to what extent, and whether the increase during the last three years is on the desired expectations ; and

(e) if not, whether reasons for the failure to improve the health standard have been gone into and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally sponsored Wheat-based Nutrition Programme, launched during 1986-87, beneficiaries covered during 1st and 2nd year in Maharashtra are 5.14 lakh and 6.34 lakh respectively.

(c) and (d). No separate assessment of the impact of the programme on the nutritional level has been undertaken. However, the health status of children covered under the programme has shown improvement over a period of time as indicated by (i) The percentage of severely malnourished children in the blocks covered by the Programme, as assessed by mid-arm measurement criteria has declined from 12% in March 1987 to 7% in March 1988 and (ii) Weight-wise percentage of children in malnourished grade III and IV declined from 7% in March 1987 to 5% in March 1988.

(e) Does not arise.

**Sub-standard Work in Zakir Hussain College**

2314. SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a special committee was appointed by the Governing body of Zakir Hussain College to report on sub-standard work done in the construction of Science Block of the new building ;

(b) if so, the details of the sub-standard work ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to rectify the defects ?

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) In its report the Committee has pointed out certain defects in the construction work of Science Block, such as sub-standard quality of doors, improper polishing of floors, defective fixation of ceramic tiles, cracks in the walls of the second floor, improper fixation of lights and fixtures, defective exhaust fans, etc.

(c) The Governing Body which considered the report has decided to request the CPWD to get the defects removed.

**Development of Areas Around Buddhist Stupas**

2315. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Archaeological Department has any proposal to develop the area around the Buddhist Stupa/structure on the Hillock top, near Jaggaiahpet in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.