

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been prepared to implement this programme;

(c) if so, the estimated amount to be spent under this scheme;

(d) when this scheme will be implemented;

(e) whether Government have studied the results of this scheme in Gujarat where the number of children has decreased after implementing this scheme; and

(f) if so, the instructions proposed to be issued to remove those lacunae in this new scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) There is at present no proposal to provide mid-day meals to school children throughout the country out of Central resources. However, 18 States are implementing programmes of varying coverage to children in elementary schools, from out of their own resources.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Discussion with Pakistan on Siachen Glacier**

7197. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reported firing by Pak troops on Indian troops at Siachen on 22 February, 1989 and the demand of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for the withdrawal of Indian forces from Siachen have been taken

up for discussion with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the incident of the 22nd February and the statement made by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Matters pertaining to Siachen are expected to be discussed during the next round of Defence Secretary level talks to be held shortly.

#### **Excavation Report of Buddhist Site at Nagarjunakonda**

7198. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether excavation at the famous Buddhist site at Nagarjunakonda was completed in the year 1962;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an excavation report of the same was published by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The antiquities and structural remains unearthed during excavations from Nagarjunakonda provided a cultural sequence from prehistoric times to the fall of the Qutb-Shahis of Golkonda with chronological gaps. The most important cultural phase was identified with that of Ikshvakus of Andhra (3rd-4th century A.D.)

(c) to (e). The Archaeological Survey of India has published a volume of the report (as Memoir No. 75) in 1975 on the excavations embodying the results of the investigations conducted in the valley for the prehistoric wealth including the megalithic remains.

Brief reports on excavations at Nagarjunakonda have also been published in various issues of *Indian Archaeology-A Review* (1954-55 to 1960-61), and an article on "Some aspects of the Buddhist monuments of Nagarjunakonda" in *Ancient India No. 16* (A Bulletin of the Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi, 1962). Another volume on the antiquarian remains of the historical period of Nagarjunakonda is under preparation.

#### **Action Plan for Implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojana**

7199. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA:  
DR. B.L. SHAILESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan for the implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) and (b). The details are being worked out and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Reduction in Infant Mortality Rate**

7200. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the success achieved in the reduction of infant mortality in the Integrated Child Development Scheme areas during the first four years of the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the Integrated Child Development Schemes areas to further bring down the infant mortality rate?

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) and (b). Ever since the introduction of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in 1975, the Central Technical Committee for ICDS, located in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has been conducting operational research studies on essential health and nutrition parameters. One of such studies is on Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), conducted in 1987. The results of this Study, an earlier study of 1982 and the Sample Registration System (SRS) data for 1987 compare as under:—

#### *IMR*

|             | <i>In ICDS areas as per 1982 Study</i> | <i>In ICDS areas as per 1987 Study</i> | <i>As per SRS for 1987</i> |
|-------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| (i) Total   | 88.2                                   | 82.6                                   | 95                         |
| (ii) Rural  | 89.5                                   | 86.3                                   | 104                        |
| (iii) Urban | 80.2                                   | 71.3                                   | 61                         |