

Demand for opening Central School at Darbhanga (Bihar)

15. SHRI SURENDRA JHA SUMAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 19 Central Schools in Bihar at present and whether except the Central School in Barauni, all of them are located in South Bihar;

(b) whether the Central Government employees working in North Bihar having about 45 per cent population of the total population of Bihar are deprived of this facility; and

(c) whether a demand has been received for opening a Central School in Darbhanga where land, buildings etc. are available and whether a Central School will be opened by Government there next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI): (a) and (b). At present there are 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar at Amjhore, Barauni (2), Bhurkunda, Bokaro (2), Dhanbad, Dinapur, Gaya, Ghatsila, Ranchi (3), Jamalpur, Jawaharnagar, Meghatuburu, Patna, Ramgarh, Singharshi and Bhandaridah. Of these eleven schools are located in the campuses of Public Sector Undertakings for which the entire expenditure, recurring and non-recurring, is met by the concerned project authority.

(c) Yes, Sir. But the number of proposals for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas received every year for consideration is very high and the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened at civil stations is limited to only four. In view of this, all the proposals for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1979-80, which are complete in all respects and fulfil the pre-conditions, will be considered together sometime early 1979

to determine comparative priorities on all-India basis and only four proposals which are accorded top priority will be accepted.

Extinction of bird life

16. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the last several years bird life is gradually decaying and that some species of beautiful birds are on the way out;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed for prevention and remedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Intensive and integrated Rural Development programme in West Bengal and North Eastern States

17. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA:

DR. BIJOY MONDAL:

SHRI SUDHIR GHOSAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work done up-to-date for the programme of Intensive and Integrated Rural Development for full employment, State-wise; with a particular reference to West Bengal and other North Eastern States, District-wise;

(b) number of persons benefited by this programme State-wise with a special reference to West Bengal and other North Eastern Region States, block-wise and District-wise;