

Girls Education

921. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent survey two thirds of the children who are not admitted to the elementary schools in the country are girls;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for the same; and

(c) the steps taken to get over the difficulty?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason is social and economic backwardness. Owing to social prejudices, girls are not allowed to attend formal schools even at the age of nine. Girls are required to look after their younger brothers and sisters while their parents are away at work. They also help in other household chores and in augmenting parental income.

(c) The following measures have been recommended under the programme of Universalisation of Elementary Education for increasing girls' enrolment:

(i) Part-time non-formal education suited to the needs and life situations of girls.

(ii) Appointment of more woman-teachers.

(iii) Setting up of creches/pre-schools centres as adjuncts to elementary schools.

(iv) Attendance scholarships for girls belonging to weaker sections.

(v) Free textbooks and stationery and uniforms for poorer children.

(vi) Provision of quarters for woman-teachers in backward areas, and

(vii) Educative propaganda among parents.

Target of Villages for Supply of Potable Water

922. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual target of the number of the villages for being supplied potable water and the actual number thereof for each State:

(b) whether the programme of supplying potable water to each village has been progressing unsatisfactorily; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Provision of drinking water is the responsibility of State Governments and funds for executing these schemes are provided in the State Plans. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, the Central Government initiated the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme to provide grants-in-aid to enable the State Governments in covering the identified problem villages with safe drinking water according to a time-bound programme. It is estimated that about 2 lakhs problem villages are still to be provided with safe drinking water as on 1.4.1980. Of these, about 32,000 villages are proposed to be covered during the current year as per State-wise details given in the enclosed statement. State-wise annual targets of coverage during

the remaining four years of the Sixth Five Year Plan 1980—85 would be formulated at the appropriate time.

(b) The programme is progressing satisfactorily.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Target for Coverage of problem villages during 1980-81 under Rural Water Supply Programme.

S No	State	Target
1	Andhra Pradesh	1449
2	Assam	1139
3	Bihar	269 ⁶
4	Gujarat	129 ⁰
5	Haryana	111 ⁰
6	Himachal Pradesh	123 ⁶
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1543
8	Karnataka	1288
9	Kerala	888
10	Madhya Pradesh	1779
11	Maharashtra	2621
12	Manipur	456
13	Meghalaya	434
14	Nagaland	342
15	Orissa	847
16	Punjab	732
17	Rajasthan	2049
18	Sikkim	125
19	Tamil Nadu	1444
20	Tripura	363
21	Uttar Pradesh	4952
22	West Bengal	1796
23	A&N Islands	74

S. No.	State	Target
24	Arunachal Pradesh	506
25	Chandigarh	-
26	Delhi	492
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	10
28	Goa Daman & Diu	36
29	Lakshadweep	3
30	Mizoram	236
31	Pondicherry	34
		3197 ⁰

N.B.— The targets have been calculated on the basis of past years national average.

Sale of Medicines by Post Offices

923. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to lay a statement showing:—

(a) how many post offices, area-wise are selling medicines in the country; and

(b) the names of medicines thus sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The Post Offices do not sell medicines.

(b) Question does not arise.

Student sent abroad for Education

924. SHRI HANNAN MOLIAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of students sent abroad under various schemes during the last three years by the Ministry of Education;

(b) the countries where they have been sent and their number, country-wise; and