

**Adult Education**

872. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI HARISH KUMAR  
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SHRI T. R. SHAMMANNA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items captioned 'Sluggish Progress of adult education plan' as reported in the Times of India dated 11 September, 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that the adult education programmes will have to be stopped up if the cent per cent coverage of illiterate persons is to be achieved; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard to achieve the goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The major steps taken by the Government to step up the programme are:—

- Including the programmes of (i) Universalisation of Elementary Education for reduction the numbers of adult illiterates and (ii) Removal of Adult illiteracy, in the Minimum Needs Programme in the 6th Five Year Plan and in the new 20 Point Economic Programme;
- emphasising coverage of districts having literacy rate below the national average, according to 1981 Census;
- involving students and voluntary agencies in the programme of adult literacy;
- emphasising coverage of the target groups of women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, migrant labourers and other weaker sections of the society;
- stepping up post literacy programmes for reducing relapse of neo-literates into illiteracy;

— utilising the potentialities of electronic media, particularly the tele-casting/broadcasting network available at the state/national level; and

— reconstituting the National Board of Adult Education to advise the Government on all matters relating to the Adult Education Programme, including formulation of policies and projects and coordination in the implementation of the programme.

**Destruction of Indian Art Pieces by U.K. racists**873. SHRI G. NARASIMHA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that racists in London have in a systematic way started harassing the Indian settlers;

(b) whether during August-September, 1982 India art pieces put up by Indian artists in London Exhibition were vandalised by the racists;

(c) whether Government have received any report of racists attack on Indians in U.K. during this period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with the British Government and if so, the reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) To the best of our knowledge it is not a fact that in recent times racists in London have in a systematic way started harassing the Indian settlers.

(b) Indian artists (UK) organised an exhibition of works of Indian artists having and working in UK entitled "Between Two Cultures" at the Barbican Concourse Gallery. During this, three incidents were reported. These are:

(i) A sculpture consisting of pyramidal shapes in sand was slightly vandalised.

(ii) A teenage girl was found bouncing a rubber ball on the paintings, and