

these colleges were recognised by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act in April 1983. The Commission has approved some basic grants for purchase of books and equipment to Kalidas Smarak College, Chandonna. The proposal made by Kalidas Vidyapati Science College is under examination of the Commission. No proposal for any assistance has been received by the Commission from Bharati Mandan College.

Pak Hydrogen Bomb with Saudi Aid

3248. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported that Pakistan is preparing a hydrogen bomb with Saudi aid ;

(b) whether such reports have already been examined by the Union Government ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to press reports suggesting that Saudi Arabia has made a big investment in the development of Pakistan's nuclear capability. Government do not, however, have any confirmed information on the details of these reports.

(c) Government keeps under constant review all developments that have a bearing on India's security.

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3249. SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Education Ministry are aware that contrary to norms established for non-formal education programme, Bihar, under this programme, is extending part-time education to children of 6-14 years in Tribal sub-plan (TSP) area as is evident from Bihar's Annual Sub-Plan 1983-84 documents (vide chapter XXXV, page 213 and paragraph 35.8);

(b) whether Bihar is running such programme in TSP area mostly on paper and financial outlays in this regard are not put to proper use and if so, steps proposed to correct the situation; and

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the functioning of such programme in Bihar's TSP area to ascertain the veracity of claims of progress vis-a-vis financial investments thereon so far in this regard, if not, reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE & SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The age-group 6-14 indicated in Chapter XXXV, page 213 and paragraph 35.8 of Bihar's Annual Sub-Plan 1983-84 appears to be a typographical error.

(b) No complaints have been received about the implementation of this Ministry's non-formal education project in Bihar.

(c) Does not arise.

News item appeared regarding story of a Railway Chart

3250. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' (Delhi Edition) dated 18 May, 1983 under the caption 'Story of a railway chart' alongwith a photograph pointing out difficulties arising out the reservation chart displayed at the Railway platform not being legible and passenger put to inconvenience as a result thereof;

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Government are aware that such situation leave passengers at the mercy of the railway staff; and

(d) steps taken so that such things do not happen again ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURI) : (a) Yes.