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28.	SECAP Association's Abdur Razzae Inamdar College of Arts, Science & Commerce College for Women, Bijapur, Karnataka.	32
29.	S.D. College, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.	1254
30.	Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi.	80
31.	Sir Syed College, Taliparamba Canhore Distt., Kerala.	1944

#### Shortage of Cables

822. SHRI N. K. PRAMCHANDRAN:

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN:

SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN:

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to acute shortage of cables, Tapal articles and other equipments, the expansion work of telephone exchanges has been stagnated in Kerala and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce extended 'Sattellite money orders System' and 'point to point speed post centre' connecting to any post offices located in Kollam district in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. Government are not aware of any shortage of cables, Tapal articles, etc. The expansion of exchanges in Kerala and Karnataka are proceeding as per schedule.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) and (e) There is a proposal to introduce 'Extended Satellite Money Order System' in Kollam H.O. and Kottarakkara H.O. in Kollam District. There is no proposal to introduce 'point-to-point speed post facility' in any of the post offices in Kollam District in Kerala.

#### Bursting of T-72 M Tanks Barrels

823. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI:

SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of times tank barrels of T-72M tanks got bursted during the firing exercise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation into the cause of bursting has been made by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to remove the defects in the tank barrels and to take up the matter with the suppliers thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been 33 instances involving bursting of gun barrels of T-72 tanks during the last 12 years.

(c) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of an Officer of Directorate General of Quality Assurance was appointed to investigate the failures and suggest remedial measures. On the basis of detailed investigations, the Committee have made certain technical suggestions to the manufacturing agency. Russian Specialists have also been invited to make a detailed examination of the problem and suggest possible solutions.

#### Revenue Earned by Government From Tourism

824. SHRI B. L. SHANKAR:

SHRI D. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by the Union Government from tourism during 1996-97 and 1997-98, till date;

(b) the amount spent on various tourist programmes' schemes during the said period;

(c) the details of the policy formulated by the Government for encouraging the Tourism Industry during the year 1997-98; and

(d) the number of tourists who visited India during upto 30.9.1997 in comparison to the corresponding period for the last year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The tax revenue earned by the Central Government by way of expenditure tax 1996-97 and 1997-98 (upto October 1997) is Rs. 293.23 crores and Rs. 138.95 crores respectively.

(b) The Plan outlay of the Central Department of Tourism for the development of tourism during 1996-97 and 1997-98 are Rs. 90.00 crores and Rs. 104.85 crores respectively.

(c) The policy of the Government for encouraging the tourism industry during 1997-98 includes more incentives for attracting private investment in the tourism industry and creation of awareness about the economic significance of tourism, assistance to States for infrastructure development, market promotion, etc.

(d) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during:

1997 (upto September)	1643067
1996 (upto September)	1569804

[Translation]

#### Complaints Against BHU Vice-Chancellor

825. DR. BALI RAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from M. Ps., Research students and Lecturers;

(b) whether no action has been taken on these complaints till date;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for the disposal of these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The Government had received a few complaints against the Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University. These are being examined in the light of the comments received from the University in this behalf.

[English]

#### Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

826. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

#### Statement

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of schools covered			
		Class Scheme	E.T. Scheme	Improvement of Science Education in schools	Project Sanctioned Environmental Orientation
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30	36,381	2,664	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	900	—	1
3.	Assam	9	11,567	2,257	1

SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT:

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schools covered and the students benefited under the Centrally Sponsored schemes of Computer Literacy and studies in school, Educational Technology, scheme of Environmental orientation to school Education and Improvement of Science Education, State-wise and rural-urban area-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated for the said schemes during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Under the said Centrally Sponsored Schemes, funds have been released during the 8th Five Year Plan to State Governments and Union Territories for the coverage of schools as per the statement attached. The State Governments have not specifically reported the actual number of students benefited under the Schemes as well as the rural and urban areawise coverage. Under the Scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education, funds have been released to State Governments and Union Territories for implementation of specific projects. The activities cover a large number of schools.

The funds allocation for the said Schemes under Budget Estimates 1997-98 are as under:

	Rs. in crores
Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools	20.00
Educational Technology	15.00
Environmental Orientation to School Education (NGOs Sector)	02.00
Improvement of Science Education in Schools	20.00