

(11) The basic value of spares/items scrapped etc. should be written off as a loss to the organisation

(12) The internal audit system should be strengthened.

(13) Despite the problems in the assessment the Committee endorsed the imperative need for State Governments compensating SEBs for subsidised sale of power to the agricultural sector.

[English]

National Institute of Oceanography

4719. SHRI AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD
YADAV (JAHANABAD) :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Oceanography has been entrusted with the task of retrieving the valuables from the sea;

(b) if so, the details of items retrieved by the Institute during the last three years, year-wise and the value thereof;

(c) whether due to shortage of funds the institute has not been provided with the latest exploratory technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for providing the latest exploratory technology and equipment to the institute?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) No Sir. National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa as per its charter is engaged in studies on Marine Archaeology and is not involved in the task of treasure location and retrieval.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.

[Translation]

Criteria for Opening JNV

4720. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the criteria laid down for opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the Government propose to make any amendment in the criteria; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya envisage setting up of a Vidyalaya on the receipt of suitable proposals from the State Governments concerned including offer of 30 acres of land and suitable rent free temporary accommodation and other infrastructural facilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It has been proposed in the Programme of Action 1992 on National Policy of Education 1986 that a comprehensive review of the Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas will be required after Navodaya Vidyalaya have been established and consolidated in all districts in the country. The process of establishing Navodaya Vidyalayas on the criteria mentioned in para (a) above is continuing pending review of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

[English]

Development of National Highways in Kerala

4721. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government consider to include Kerala State in the 'Golden quadrilateral' for the purpose of four laning;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Highways passing through Kerala do not fall on the Golden Quadrilateral which connects metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai.