

*[English]***Performance of NGOs in Literacy Drive**

5853. SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of literacy projects sanctioned by the National Literacy Mission to NGOs in Assam;
- (b) whether the performance of these NGOs have been reviewed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any action has been taken against NGOs for poor performance;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The details of the Central projects sanctioned to the NGOs in Assam State under the Central Scheme of financial assistance to VAs for TLC/PLC programme during the last three years is given below:—

District	Years		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Guwahati	1	1	2
Naogaon	1	—	1
Morigaon	—	—	2
Nalbari	—	—	1
Total :	2	1	6

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (f) Do not arise.

Foreign Post Offices

5854. DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign post offices functioning at present in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to open such post offices in the country during 1998-99; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

- (a) Four (4)
- (i) Maharashtra (Mumbai)
- (ii) West Bengal (Calcutta)
- (iii) Delhi (Delhi)
- (iv) Tamil Nadu (Chennai)

(b) No, there is at-present no proposal to open such Foreign Post Offices in the country during the year 1998-99. However, in addition to the above mentioned four Foreign Post offices, there are five Sub-Foreign Post Offices also.

- (c) Does not arise.

Hike in Tuition Fee

5855. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the tuition fee structure in the Central Universities and the colleges affiliated thereto at present;
- (b) the academic year in which, the same was last revised;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the fees in Central Universities; and
- (d) if so, the factors to be taken into account to revise the fee structure?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.