

*[Translation]***Change in Study Material**

3535. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :
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 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
 SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY :
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to effect special change in the study material for students provided education through correspondence;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether only above 25 per cent students out of the total number of students enrolled for education through correspondence complete their education; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission in 1993 provided a detailed plan of action for academic transformation of Correspondence Course Institutes in which it is envisaged that the existing course materials will be transformed into self-instructional materials. The materials provided to the students should be self-contained and self-explanatory. Various steps are envisaged to convert the correspondence course material into self-instructional material.

(d) and (e) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the success rate at term end examinations of the University is higher. Distance mode is flexible means of learning and the pass percentage at IGNOU is favourable.

*{English}***Adult Literacy Programme**

3536. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Adult Literacy Programme is under implementation in U.P.;

(b) if so, the amount spent there under during each of the last five years;

(c) whether some voluntary organisations have also been engaged for the purpose;

(d) if so, the total number of such voluntary organisations as on date and the financial assistance provided to them,

(e) the targets fixed and achieved by the voluntary organisations;

(f) whether there have been instances of misuse of Central assistance by the voluntary organisations;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount released during last five years to Zila Saksharta Samities and Voluntary Organisations respectively is as under :

Year	Grants released to Zila Saksharta Samities (Rs. in lakhs)	Grants released to Voluntary Organisations (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	2,212.88	132.07
1994-95	2,344.43	151.27
1995-96	1,504.44	81.52
1996-97	628.36	77.22
1997-98	389.09	78.72

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 56 Voluntary Organisations. The total amount of Rs. 520.80 lakhs has been released during the last five years.

(e) No specific target fixed for the Voluntary Organisation.

(f) No instances of misuse of Central Assistance have been reported during last five years.

(g) and (h) Does not arise.

*[Translation]***Demand and Supply of Power**

3537. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
 SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
 SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :