

(d) whether the reforms in the examination system universities particularly in Delhi University are yet to take place; and

(e) if so, the action the Government are contemplating to take to bring about reforms in the examination system in the universities particularly in Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

UGC Assistance to Universities in Karnataka

3520. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the funds given as grant-in-aid by the University Grants Commission to each University in Karnataka;

(b) the number of colleges affiliated to each University;

(c) the number of colleges out of them which are classified as rural colleges, University-wise;

(d) the number of students studying in each of these rural colleges;

(e) whether there is any proposal to give financial assistance to the rural colleges during Ninth Plan to establish libraries, purchasing of teaching equipment and for constructing of buildings;

(f) if so, whether the Universities in Karnataka have been asked to submit the needs of the rural colleges for special assistance from the UGC; and

(g) if so, the amount released during 1996-97 so far in the form of grant, assistance etc., to various Universities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Family Welfare Projects

3521. DR. BALIRAM :
SHRI VENKATARAMI REDDY ANANTHA :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :
SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Family Welfare Projects under implementation in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala alongwith their locations;

(b) the efforts made by the Government for effective implementation of these projects; and

(c) the achievements made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Details of programmes/projects being implemented in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are given in the Statement-I. These are in addition to various schemes implemented under the National Family Welfare Programme, throughout the country.

The main objectives of these projects are to improve the health status of women and children, reduce maternal and child mortality, morbidity and birth rates. These Projects are implemented by the State Governments and progress in implementation is reviewed by the Government of India from time to time.

(c) Details of achievements under the World Bank/ USAID assisted project in the States mentioned above are enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of Projects under implementation in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala

State	Name of Agency/ projects	Total cost (Rs. in crores)	Period	Districts covered
Assam	World Bank/IPP-IX	101.22	16.6.94 to 15.6.2001	Entire State
Andhra Pradesh	World Bank/IPP-VI	75.66	6.4.90 to 31.3.97	-do-
	World Bank/IPP-VIII	35.15	6.8.93 to 5.8.98	Hyderabad
Uttar Pradesh	World Bank/IPP-VI	97.37	6.4.90 to 31.3.97	Entire State
	USAID/IFPS Project	810.00	30.9.92 to 30.9.2002	-do-
Kerala		NIL		

Statement-II*Details of Achievements under the World Bank/ USAID assisted project***WORLD BANK**

State	Item	Achievements
	I. CONSTRUCTION :	
Assam	Sub Centres	: 80
	Staff Qrs	: 30
	Upgradation of existing State Dispensaries to PHCs	: 5
	Upgradation of PHC/ CHC/Hosp. as FRUs	: 3
	II. TRAINING :	
	Medical & Para-medical Functionaries.	: 1532
	I. CONSTRUCTION :	
Andhra	Sub Centres	: 599
Pradesh (IPP-VI)	Training Institutes	: 26
	II. TRAINING :	: 50565
	I. CONSTRUCTION :	
Hyderabad (IPP-VIII)	Renovation of Urban F.W. Centres into D Type Health Posts	: 5
	Const. of new D type Health Posts	: 3
	Upgradation of Maternity Centres (30 beds)	: 2 in Progress
	II. TRAINING :	
	Med. & Para-Med. staff	: 2198
	Non-Health Functionaries	: 977
	I. CONSTRUCTION :	
Uttar Pradesh	Sub Centres	: 750
	Training Institutions	: 66
	II. TRAINING	: 167958

Indo-Iranian Joint Commission

3522. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the meeting of the ninth session of Indo-Iranian Joint Commission held in February, 1997 in Tehran;

(b) the issues that were discussed during the visit of our External Affairs Minister in Tehran;

(c) whether the proposal for laying a pipeline to transport gas reserves to India was also discussed during the visit;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the route of gas pipeline;

(e) whether any agreement was signed between the representatives of two countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The Ninth Session of Indo-Iranian Joint Commission was held in Tehran on 21st and 22nd February, 1997. The Indian side was led by External Affairs Minister and the Iranian side was led by Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran. Important issues discussed were the establishment of a Joint Venture Fertiliser Project. Pipeline Project for transportation of Natural Gas to India, proposals on Trade Agreement, Double tax Avoidance Agreement and Agreement for Promotion and Protection of Foreign Investment, Cooperation in the fields of agriculture, health and education.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Efforts are to continue to obtain the consent of all parties for a feasibility study of the projected pipeline. Details of the possible route will be available only after the feasibility study is complete.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

Promotion of Libraries

3523. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a scheme for promotion of libraries in small towns and rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organisation fully founded by the Government of India through Department of Culture has a number of schemes to promote and support public library movement in the country. The Foundation has the following schemes for the promotion of libraries for the benefit of small towns and rural areas :

- (1) Assistance towards building up of adequate stock of books and other reading and visual materials.
- (2) Assistance towards development of rural book deposit centres and mobile library services.