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**Computer Education**

\*508 SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

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

(a) whether the Union Government have have formulated any scheme for expansion of computer education in schools and universities in the cities and villages;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) There are already schemes to promote computer education. These include the following:

States and UTs are provided financial assistance for providing computer hardware, software and their maintenance in Government and Government aided senior secondary schools under the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Scheme.

The Department of Electronics started as project "Computer in Education Project: Computer in every high school". Under this project students are given a broad understanding of computers.

The University Grants Commission has schemes for assisting universities for establishment of Computer Centres, Upgradation of Computer Centres, Master of Computer Application Courses and to colleges for procuring personal computers and its related software.

**Funds for Ayurvedic System**

\*509. SHRI O.P. JINDAL:  
PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR':

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

(a) whether the Government have reduced the budget for Ayurvedic and traditional systems of medicine;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received requests for more allocation in the budget for Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of medicine; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The combined Plan & Non-Plan budget provision for Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy for 1996-97 is Rs. 44.19 crores compared to Rs. 40.94 crores for 1995-96.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. After the constitution of new Department of ISM&H, the Institutions and individuals in this sector have been urging higher allocation in Plan budget to enable improvement in quality and reach of programmes of the Department.

The Department projected requirement of more Plan funds to the Planning Commission which determines the Annual Plan outlays, but the Planning Commission did not find it possible to increase allocation.

The Department has projected need based requirement of Plan funds for 9th Plan to the Planning Commission and it is hoped sizeable additional annual allocation for the Department will materialise in the 9th Plan beginning next year.

**Mega Project**

\*510. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:  
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) the names and details of mega irrigation projects undertaken by the Union Government for construction during Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans and till date in the country;

(b) the names and details of mega irrigation projects completed by the Government till March, 1996;

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the names of projects that could not be completed so far; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Union Government has not taken up any major Irrigation Project for implementation during VII and VIII Five Year Plans.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

\*511. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided that the Centrally sponsored schemes such as Operation Black Board, Teacher Education, Non-formal Education, Mid-Day-meal Scheme and National Literacy Mission Schemes will be handled by the Union Government in near future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are considering the transfer of Secondary Education Sector, Computer Literacy, vocationalisation of Secondary Education and promotion of yoga to the State Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These schemes are in Elementary and Literacy sectors of education which are under the Basic Minimum Services Programme of the Government.

(c) and (d) An attempt has been made to delineate Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Secondary Education Sector and Language Development for transfer to the States based on the recommendations adopted by the conference of Chief Ministers on Basic Minimum Services held in New Delhi on 4-5 July, 1996. The details of these schemes are as under:

#### *Secondary Education*

1. Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS).
2. Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).
3. Vocationalisation of Secondary Education.
4. Environment Orientation of School Education.
5. Improvement of Science Education.
6. Promotion of Yoga.
7. Educational Technology.

#### *Language Development*

8. Appointment and Training of Hindi Teachers in Non-Hindi Speaking States/UTs.
9. Appointment and Training of Modern Indian Languages Teachers in Hindi Speaking States/UTs.
10. Appointment of Urdu Teachers.

#### **Use of Old-Unfit Horses by Armed Forces**

\*512. SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which armed forces use its old/unfit horses; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Old and Unfit horses are disposed of by the Armed Forces in the following manner:—

(a) *Destruction*: Those horses which are incurably injured or are suffering from chronic diseases and cannot be cured are euthanised.

(b) *Issue to Serum Institutes*: Horses which are in the satisfactory state of health and not suffering from any infectious/contagious disease are given free of cost to Serum Institutes engaged in production of life saving vaccines for human and veterinary use.

(c) *Cast & Sale*: Those horses which are unfit for Military duties but considered suitable for light work are sold to educational institutes and to riding clubs as per Defence Services regulations in force.

#### **Vocational Education Centres**

\*513 SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vocational Education Centres functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Vocational Education Centres proposed to be opened during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether Vocational Course has not yet been introduced at Secondary level; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d) There are no separate vocational education centres. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, vocational sections have been started in schools at higher secondary level. The number of vocational sections functioning in the country is given State-wise in the enclosed Statement. Under the Scheme, no specific allocations are made for individual States/UTs. Vocational sections are sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from States/UTs.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Vocational Education at Lower Secondary Stage has also been introduced since 1993-94, under which vocational courses are offered in class IX and X in schools.