

1	2	3	4	5
27.	Delhi	120.77	322.58	158.57
28.	Pondicherry	-	-	-
29.	Daman & Diu	0.56	0.56	-
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	12.15	8.12	12.56
31.	D&N Haveli	0.83	-	-
32.	Lakshadweep	7.41	1.62	4.32
Total :		19032.31	12121.93	8852.66

**Statement-II**

S.No.	State/UT	Persons made literate
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7641434
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	59612
3.	Assam	1080861
4.	Bihar	4273168
5.	Goa	71237
6.	Gujarat	6013535
7.	Haryana	285743
8.	Himachal Pradesh	511070
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	163892
10.	Karnataka	3963218
11.	Kerala	1560152
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4542980
13.	Maharashtra	5067075
14.	Manipur	67371
15.	Meghalaya	84225
16.	Mizoram	61919
17.	Nagaland	63123
18.	Orissa	2107023
19.	Punjab	553922
20.	Rajasthan	2566498
21.	Sikkim	13604
22.	Tamilnadu	5974839
23.	Tripura	174130

1	2	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5911311
25.	West Bengal	8625496
26.	A&N Islands	14492
27.	Chandigarh	40404
28.	D&N Haveli	7293
29.	Daman & Diu	3451
30.	Delhi	378754
31.	Lakshadweep	986
32.	Pondicherry	99965
Total :		61982783

**Purchase of Artifacts**

\*517. DR. M. JAGANNATH :  
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Dubious Artifacts worth crores find way into National Museum' appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated March 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

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

(b) and (c) In this news item, a number of allegations have been made against the National Museum regarding the purchase of art objects. The National Museum acquires art objects for its collection only on the recommendations on an Art Acquisition Committee, constituted by Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, consisting of eminent experts of national and international repute in the field of art and culture.

The National Museum has a fully equipped conservation laboratory with expert conservators and scientists. While acquiring the art object, scientific examination is always conducted by them recommendation regarding the genuineness of the art objects, they are acquired.

Besides, after the acquisition, a detailed study of the art objects is always undertaken by the Curators of the National Museum. Most of them are experts in their

respective fields. They also take help from various scholars visiting the Museum or locally available experts in studying these objects academically and historically. Further, there is a provision in the purchase procedure that if anything is found wrong in any of the objects within three years of purchase, the same is returnable to the sellers/dealers and the money paid, if any, is recovered from them. An agreement to this effect is invariably made with the sellers/dealers when their art objects are purchased. While resorting to the procedure, a Committee of experts examines the art objects in question for the purpose.

Since no irregularities have so far been noticed in the purchase of artefacts, no additional steps are required to be taken by the Government in this regard.

[Translation]

#### Sale of Banned Drugs

\*518. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :  
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

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

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that banned medicines are being sold on a large scale in the country and the drug sellers are playing with the health of the countrymen;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government against the persons manufacturing and selling of such drugs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) No such report about the sale of banned drugs has been received from the State Drug Control Authorities or any official source.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

#### Sharing of Krishna River Water

\*519. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convene an inter State conference to sort out the issue of sharing surplus waters of river Krishna between Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the response of the respective State Governments thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Upgradation of CGHS Dispensaries

\*520. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan for upgradation of the CGHS Dispensaries;

(b) if so, the details of facilities likely to be provided in these dispensaries; and

(c) if not, the steps to be taken by the Government to upgrade these dispensaries during the Ninth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) to (c) The Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. Although upgradation of some CGHS dispensaries has been envisaged in the Ninth Five Year Plan, this would depend on the resources made available and also on the outcome of the fresh SIU study on CGHS dispensaries.

#### Report of British Medical Journal

5550. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has since studied the reports published in 'British Medical Journal';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry to reduce the incidence of diseases reported in the above Journal in both the manual and non-manual workers, particularly the poorer people who are more vulnerable to diseases ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) and (b) The report titled "Life time socio economic position and mortality prospective observational study" published in British Medical Journal of 22nd February, 1997, has been seen. The key findings of the report are :-

- Health and risk of premature death are determined by socio-economic factors acting throughout life.
- Socioeconomic influence on particular causes of death