

(d) the steps taken by the Government for well revival of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sex Education in Schools

3503. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to rise in AIDS cases and other sexual diseases, the Government propose to introduce sex education in Schools; and

(b) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) :

(a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), they organised a National Seminar on Adolescence Education in 1994 in pursuance of National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) which recommended the introduction of 'suitable components of adolescence education in the curricula at all stages of schooling'. The major components of adolescence education are (i) process of growing up, (ii) HIV/AIDS and (iii) Drug Abuse. The recommendations of the National Seminar have been accepted by the NCERT for developing a general framework of Adolescence Education including Sex Education. The National Population Education Project (NPEP) being implemented since 1980 has related components of Sex Education. The contents of Population Education are integrated in all stages of school education.

Health Insurance Scheme

3504. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a health insurance Schemes for senior citizens to enable them to enjoy a life of fulfilment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not helping them grow old gracefully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). There Medical Insurance Schemes are already under implementation under the umbrella of the General Insurance Corporation as follows :

(i) *Mediclaim Insurance Policy* is available for persons between the ages 65 and 75 years

and the cover provides for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred towards hospitalisation/domiciliary hospitalisation.

(ii) *Jan Arogya* :

Primarily meant for larger segment of population who can not afford the high cost of medical treatment with coverage upto 70 years of age.

(iii) *Bhavishya Arogya* :

Under the Scheme a person pays a single premium or nominal annual premium during his earning years and get reimbursement of hospitalisation and domiciliary hospitalisation expenses from a future selected age between 55 and 60 years.

Nehru Yuvak Kendras

3505. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various projects and works taken up and completed by Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Gujarat during the last three years and till-date, year-wise;

(b) the total financial assistance sanctioned and provided during each of the above three years on each projects and works in each district of Gujarat;

(c) the plans, projects and proposals of the Nehru Yuvak Kendras for 1997 to 2000 in each places in each districts of Gujarat;

(d) the sources of income of Nehru Yuvak Kendras to run the activities; and

(e) the base on which assistance is being provided to such Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Conducting of Management Courses by UP Export Corporation

3506. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether UP Export Corporation Limited and public sector undertakings under the State of UP has been fraudulently conducting management courses and selling out certificates to candidates;

(b) whether Director of Industries, UP has not allowed the corporation to hold and conduct such courses at all; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed by the Government to stop this illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Assistance to Private Schools in Leh and Kargil

3507. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the grant in aid sanctioned to various private schools in Leh and Kargil district of Ladakh during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far, school-wise; and

(b) the agencies through which the amounts have been distributed to such schools?

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

[Translation]

Post of Chairman in GFCO

3508. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the post of Chairman of the Ganga Flood Control Organisation has been lying vacant for the last two years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the officers who were selected for appointment had not joined;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposed to appoint immediately the Chairman in the interest of work of the Organisation;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Recruitment process in respect of the post of Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission, is in an advanced stage and an officer will be appointed immediately once the selection process is complete.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Drop Out Rate

3509. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that large number of students drop out of Primary and Middle School level in Western Rajasthan due to non availability of High/Higher secondary Schools within reasonable distance;

(b) if so, the break-up of drop out cases between urban and rural area and between male and female students; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to reduce the drop out rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). According to information furnished by Government of Rajasthan the availability of secondary and senior schools in districts of Western Rajasthan is not less than the state average of such schools per lakh of population. However factors such as distance and sparse population do contribute to high drop out rates in this region. The drop out rates in classes I-V and I-VIII in 1993-94 in Rajasthan were as follows :

	1993-94	
	Classes (I-V)	Classes (I-VIII)
Boys	54.76	62.34
Girls	63.02	72.34
Total	57.44	65.43

(c) The Central and State Government have taken a number of measures to reduce the drop out rates which include exemption from payment of tuition fees, provision of free text books, and introduction of mid-day meals scheme. The two projects for basic education, namely Lok Jumbish and Siksha Karmi assisted by Swedish International Development Authority in Rajasthan are also taking steps to reduce drop out rates.

Constitution of Commission

3510. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently constituted a Commission headed by Mr. GVK Rao, former Principal Secretary to the Union Agriculture Ministry as its Chairman;

(b) if so, the details regarding its members as well as the terms of reference of the Commission; and