

The Minister of Human Resource Development (Shri Arjun Singh): (a) No Sir. The pass percentage for Secondary (class X) School Examination, 1991 conducted by the CBSE was 62.8% as against 65.6% in 1990.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e): Reports regarding refusal of admission to the failed students by some of the schools were received by the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration. On 19-7-91, a circular was issued by the Director of Education, Delhi Administration to the Principals of all the recognised private and Government schools of Delhi/New Delhi directing them to ensure that no failed student is refused readmission in his or her parent school. In so far as Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi is concerned, the concerned Area Education Officer, Delhi Administration visited the school and assured all concerned that no failed student would be refused admission in the school.

Village Health Guides in Rural Areas

792. Shri Satyagopal Misra: Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to encourage Village Health Guides in the rural areas for the benefit of the rural people,

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to enhance the honorarium of Village Health Guides paid hitherto;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Shrimati D. K. Thara Devi Siddhartha): (a) and (b): The Village Health Guide Scheme continues to be in operation. The Village Health Guides are voluntary workers selected by the village community and provide elementary health and family welfare services in rural areas. They are paid an honorarium of Rs. 50 per month.

(c) to (e): It has not been possible to enhance the honorarium and make provision of medicine kits due to financial constraints.

Clearance of Orissa Projects

793. Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy: Will the Minister of Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa had submitted any proposal to the Union Government for clearance of projects under Integrated Urban Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development (Shri M. Arunachalam): (a) to (c): The Government of Orissa had submitted a preliminary project proposal for urban development at an estimated cost of Rs. 1892 crores to be posed for external assistance. The proposal was examined by this Ministry. It was found that the institutional capability as also capability of the State Government to provide counterpart funding had not been clearly brought out in the proposal. The proposal was, therefore, returned to the Govt. of Orissa for preparing a realistic project. Revised project report from the Government of Orissa has not been received.