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

- (a) the mode of selection of External Evaluation Agencies for the National Literacy Mission;
- (b) the number of such agencies selected by the National Literacy Mission for the year 2001-2002;
- (c) whether new evaluation agencies will be selected for the year 2002-2003; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Mission shall review and judge the work of the External Evaluation Agencies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Prof. RITA VERMA)

- (a) A Core Group was constituted to scrutinize the applications for empanelment received from different agencies working in the field of social sciences. The recommendations of the Core Group were based on interviews with representatives of registered agencies and assessment of their experience in the field of research and evaluation.
- (b) During the year 2001-2002 no selection of such agencies was undertaken.
- (c) There is no such proposal.
- (d) The NLM provides guidelines which external evaluation agencies are expected to follow. Their work is examined to ensure that
 - (i) They contain all essential statistical information required by the guidelines.
 - (ii) The sample size tested is as per the norms laid down in the guidelines.
 - (iii) The report contains an executive summary and
 - (iv) The report suggests corrective measures for the particular district if necessary.

Further an analysis is undertaken of the strengths and weaknesses of the evaluation reports. These are discussed in orientation programmes conducted for external evaluation agencies for them to take corrective steps.