GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5540 ANSWERED ON:29.04.2003 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXT BOOK PRESSES ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government of India text book presses in the country;

(b) whether some of those text book presses have been gifted by the UNESCO;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all these presses are with the Central Government or some of these have been transferred to the State Governments;

(e) if so, the details of the presses which have been transferred to the State Governments alongwith the names of the States;

(f) whether all these presses are working at present; and

(g) if not, the presses which were closed down and the reasons for their closure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTYALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): As present there are three Government of India TextBook Presses at Mysore, Chandigarh and Bhubaneshwar under the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Some machinery and equipment were gifted by the Federal Republic of Germany under UNESCO programme more than 25 years ago.

(d)&(e): At present all the three presses are with the Central Government.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir.