

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4497
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2003
NATIONAL POLICY ON CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to revise the National Policy for Children, 1974;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed changes likely to be made;
- (c) the time by which it is proposed to be made effective;
- (d) whether a National Children Board was constituted in 1974;
- (e) if so, the achievements of the Board, so far and the reports, if any submitted by it with regard to the problems of the children;
- (f) the amount spent by the Government on the National Children Board and on its various activities so far;
- (g) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to reconstitute the Board; and
- (h) if so; the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make its functioning more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) and (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The National Children's Board was constituted in 1974 to provide focus on children's issues and to ensure at different levels continuous planning, review and coordination of all the essential services and programmes for children. Accordingly the current and major issues of children were discussed in the meetings of the Board and decisions taken by the Board were built into programmes and schemes of implementing Ministries and Departments. The National Children's Board was in existence till 1989.
- (f) The amount spent on National Children's Board was only for convening meetings of the Board and its Standing Committee.
- (g) The Government is considering a proposal to set up a National Commission for Children which will go beyond the objectives of the National Children's Board.
- (h) Does not arise.