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(e) if so, the names of hospitals so affected and the steps being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) (a) No, such report has been received in the Ministry.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

(d) and (e). Health being a State subject it is the responsibility of State Governments to provide medicines and Equipment in the hospitals under their control.

Objectionable References in Text Books .

2800. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that text books for schools in Jammu and Kashmir and in other States contain objectionable references hurting patriotic sentiments of Indian Republic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

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

Folk Arts of Orissa

2801 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to protect the folk arts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). Government of India, Department of Culture have already launched a Scheme for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to the voluntary institution/individuals engaged in the preservation, promotion and dissemination of tribal and folk art and culture. The folk arts of Orissa are also covered under this scheme and during the last year i.e. 1995-96, financial assistance has been provided to the following organisations individuals of Orissa.

1995-96.

- 1. Adibasi Sanskrita GabesanaRs. 1,40,000/-Parisad, Sinapali, Orissa.
- 2. Shri R.P. Das, Bhubaneswar Rs. 1,60,000/-

- 3. Orissa Sahitya Akademi, Rs. 75,000/-Bhubaneswar
- 4. Sate Jawahar Jal Bhavan, Rs. 1,00,000/-Bhubneswar
- 5. Social Scheme & Development Rs. 93,000/-Research Instt., Bhubneswar
- 6. Shri P.K. Das, Bhubneswer Rs. 50,000/-
- 7. Shri D.N. Rao, Bhubneswer Rs. 1,20,000/-

Ultimate Potential of Teesta Project

2802. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1318 on July 22, 1996 and state:

(a) whether against an ultimate potential of 527 thousand hectares, a potential of 73.55 thousand hectares was likely to be created by March 1996;

(b) whether the potential of 73.55 thousand hectares has been created by March 1996; and

(c) if not, the time by which the potential is likely to be created as per position till date?

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

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra

2803. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to open Novodaya
Vidyalayas in Maharashtra is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be opened?

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). Do not arise.

{English]

Central University in Kerala

2804. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Government of Kerala for setting up of a Central University in Kerala; and