

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

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CONDENSED COURSES UNDER CENTRAL SOCIAL WELFARE BOARDS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the condensed courses started by the Central Social Welfare Board regarding education/vocational training and especially for the welfare of poor, widowed and destitute women;
- (b) the details of centers where these programmes are in operation, especially in Delhi and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (c) the number of women beneficiaries during the last three years and onwards, State-wise, course-wise;
- (d) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on this programme till now;
- (e) whether the target of this programme has been achieved; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a),(e)&(f) The Condensed Courses of Education is an on-going Plan scheme of the Department and it is being implemented since the year 1958. The Scheme provides education as well as scope for employment to needy women, widows, destitute and women belonging to economically backward classes. The main focus of the programme is to help poor, widowed and destitute women who have been denied access to school to avail of education at various levels. Girls/women above the age of 15 years are covered under this Scheme. Skill upgradation is also an integral part of the scheme.

The targets during the last three years under this scheme have been achieved fully. Out of 538 allocated courses during the year 2004-05, 294 courses have been sanctioned and are being conducted. It is expected that the targets would be achieved this year also.

(b) A statement showing the programmes in Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands is at Annexure-I.

(c) The number of women beneficiaries during the last three years State-wise is at Annexure-II.

(d) In the first two years of the Tenth Plan period, entire allocation of Rs.6.00 crores has been utilized. During the current financial year an allocation of Rs.6.00 crores has been made against which an expenditure of Rs.2.38 crores has been incurred till date.