

constructed under operation Black Board Scheme since its operation in different States/UTs;

(b) the total amount spent thereunder till date;

(c) whether many buildings have not been constructed or left incomplete; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The State Governments have completed construction of 219775 school buildings under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana including Operation Blackboard scheme. A sum of Rs. 89176.97 lakhs have spent on construction of these school buildings up to March, 1997.

(c) and (d) As per information available, against a target of 2.63 lakhs school buildings to be constructed under Operation Blackboard, 1.77 lakh buildings have been completed under Operation Blackboard. Efforts to provide buildings to all primary schools is being made from funds of Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment and under Externally Assisted Education Projects.

#### **Expenditure on Adult Education Scheme**

1210. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred for Adult Education Scheme in Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar;

(b) the number of persons benefited by it in the said States during the last three years;

(c) whether in any State the funds for scheme are being misutilised; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The details of funds released under Adult Education Programme to Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar during the last 5 years are as follows :-

Year	States		
	Orissa	West Bengal	Bihar
93-94	614.12	719.86	1109.93
94-95	606.36	1583.69	1628.87
95-96	801.36	308.40	1977.84
96-97	310.13	728.11	1062.52
97-98	196.62	502.82	446.98

(b) The targets and achievements under National Literacy Mission are not fixed on annual basis. The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to 100 million non-literates in the age group 15-35 year. 24.40 lakh, 89.72 lakh and 52.31 lakh persons have since been made literate in Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar under various schemes of National Literacy Mission.

(c) Such instances, if any are enquired into immediately by the State Government concerned.

(d) Question does not arise.

#### **Obsolete Equipment at Major Ports**

1211. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether nearly 90% of the equipment at the major ports have become obsolete;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of specific allocations (port-wise) and plans for replacing of obsolete equipment by the modern gadgets; and

(d) the details of steps taken specifically for the purpose of expediting the process of replacement of obsolete and worn out equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The port-wise details of allocations for replacement of equipment during 1998-99 are as under :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Port	Allocations (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Calcutta/Haldia	8.09
2.	Mumbai	93.95
3.	J L Nehru	-
4.	Chennai	7.05
5.	Cochin	3.08
6.	Vizag	17.64
7.	Kandla	20.75
8.	Mormugao	5.00