

Setting up of Examination Centre of UPSC At Nainital

6023. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that students of hill areas in Uttar Pradesh are facing difficulties in appearing in the examinations being conducted by U.P.S.C. due to location of examination centres at distant places;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up an examination centre of U.P.S.C. at Nainital in view of the problems faced by the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). At present, the union Public Service Commission are having two regular centres in the State of Uttar Pradesh at Allahabad and Lucknow for examinations conducted by them to cater to the candidates from this State. This arrangement has been found to be adequate. Presently, there is no proposal to open a centre at Nainital.

[English]

Border Area Development Programme

6024. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Department has diverted amount to Human Resource Development

for educational Developments in Border Areas;

(b) if so, the total amount diverted; and

(c) the amount spent on various schemes for development programmes in Border Areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). No amount was diverted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education. However, the position is that an outlay of Rs. 200.00 crores had been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the Border Area Development Programme. In 1986-87, which was the first year of the implementation of the programme (second year of the Seventh Plan), the programme was implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the three border States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab, in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Committee of Secretaries. From 1987-88 onwards, the implementation of the programme was transferred to the Department of Education to re-orient the programme so as to concentrate on education in the border areas; and necessary provision for it was made in the annual plans of the Department. It was intended that the programme would henceforth be confined to 'education', which is a critical input for the development of border areas. The emphasis is laid under the programme on overall human resource development.

The provision made in the annual plans of the Department of Education, yearwise was as follows: