

Bombay, Delhi, Bangalore, etc. have appeared in newspapers. Department of Electronics had set up an Expert Committee to make a detailed study of the cases of Computer viruses reported from time to time possible reasons for spreading of such viruses and to suggest remedial measures. The Committee has submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee include: Creation of general awareness; security training for computer users; protection of software and data by various methods and certain remedial measures such as usage of write protector tags' on system diskettes; strict control over transferring data and programmes between computers; frequent change of passwords; usage of audit utility programmes; frequent change of passwords; usage of audit utility programmes; proper files back up etc. Most of the recommendations of the committee have been accepted for the Government. A number of antidote programmes have been developed for various computer viruses. These antidotes are available in the market.

[*Translation*]

#### **Patna University**

\*469. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accord Patna University the status of Central University;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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)

to (c). No such proposal is under the consideration of the Central Government. Patna University has been established under an act of the State Legislature, and as a matter of policy, the Central Government do not convert State Universities into Central Universities.

[*English*]

#### **Performance of Non-Formal Education and Adult Education Programmes**

\*470. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The State-wise number of persons benefitted with the help of various voluntary organisations through educational projects in areas like non-formal education, Adult Education etc. during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the expenditure so incurred during each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Central Government gives grant-in-aid to Voluntary organisations to run projects for non-formal and adult education. These projects comprise non-formal or adult education centres run for about 25/30 learners each. The Statewise estimated enrolment in centres sanctioned to voluntary organisations, and expenditure incurred in the last three years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given in Statements I and II below.

No expenditure has been incurred during the current year on these schemes.