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Equitable Distribution of Work Among Group 'D' Employees in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3978.   PROF. SUSANTA CHAKRA-VORTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chowkidars among the Group 'D' employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas have to perform much longer hours of duty as compared to other Group 'D' categories: and

(b) if so, the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The working hours of Chowkidars start at the closing of Offices/ Vidyalayas on the duty day and end at their opening, the subsequent day. These working hours have been fixed taking into account the nature of, and the time at which, duty is to be performed by the Chowkidars.

Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line

3979.   SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAV-INCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population living below poverty line during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the measures taken to raise them above the poverty line;

(c) the percentage of population brought above the poverty line during these years, State/U.T. wise; and

(d) the targets set for these years to bring them above the poverty line?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISH-WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) A statement of latest available estimates for the Year 1987-88 is attached. Estimates for the other two years are not available.

(b) A number of poverty alleviation programmes with emphasis on generation of employment and incomes in rural and urban areas as also special Programmes for the improvement of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, etc., are being implemented for alleviation of poverty.

(c) The percentage of population brought above the poverty line during the period 1983-84 to 1987-88 in respect of States/ U.Ts are shown in Statement-I.

(d) Targets for these years were not fixed.