

the hon. Minister whether the present Government, like the previous Government, will continue the policy of neglecting the study of Sanskrit?

[English]

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, are the Government aware that the Government of Kerala.....

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Krishna Kumar, the main question is about Bihar. I have not permitted your supplementary. The question concerns the universities in Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know that out of Rs. 72.62 lakh approved under the Seventh Five Year Plan for K.D.S. Sanskrit Vidyalaya, why a sum of Rs. 16 lakh only was released? What modifications the Government propose to make in the policy followed by the previous Government with a view to encouraging the study of Sanskrit?

[English]

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, I appreciate the feelings of the hon. Member. Government are also aware that Sanskrit should be encouraged. I convey the feelings of the hon. Member.

[Translation]

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV(Jhanjharpur): The hon. Minister has said that it will be considered on the basis of merit, so I would like to know whether any proposal to make the Patna university a Central University is under consideration of the Government?

[English]

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Today, the Patna University is registered under the State Act and there is no such provision.

MR. SPEAKER: He asked whether you have any suggestion to make the Patna University as the Central University.

[Translation]

The hon. Member wants to know whether the Government have any proposal to make the Patna University as a Central University?

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: At present, there is no such proposal with the Government.

Changes in Educational System

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*82 SHRI RAMLAL RAHI:
SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to remove existing distortions in the educational system certain basic changes are contemplated by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The Government had decided to undertake a review of the New Education Policy, 1986. This will cover aspects relating to existing distortions and patterns of education in the country. The modalities for this are being worked out.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMLAL RAHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated in his reply that the Government want to undertake a review of the Education Policy 1986. The hon. Minister might be knowing that the previous Government had reviewed the Education

Policy, 1968 to formulate the New Education Policy 1986. But even the new policy could not help in removing illiteracy from the country. Even today, there are lakhs of children in our country who do not go to school. Secondly, the dual education policy is widening social disparity in the country. The Adult Education Scheme was started and efforts were made to make the adult people literate but we could not achieve much success in it also. Lakhs of adult people are there in our country who still put thumb impression whenever they are required to sign any document..... (*Interruptions*)

I would like to know whether the Government is contemplating certain changes in the New Education Policy, 1986 formulated by the then Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi or are the Government not recognising it or do the Government want to reassess the Education Policy, 1968 and bring about certain changes in it?

I would like to know whether Government will do away with the dual Education Policy and formulate a new Education Policy which may ensure that every child gets primary education.

[*English*]

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, I have already stated that entire aspect is under consideration. So, at this stage, I do not think I can reply.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMLAL RAHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has not given reply to my first question.

My second question is that under the existing education pattern, the adequate arrangements are not there. New schools are being opened but teachers are not there, if teachers are there, benches are not there and even mats are not provided for the students.... (*Interruptions*). Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know whether any change will be made in the existing

policy so that while opening a school, teachers are posted there, mats and blackboards are made available simultaneously. Will the Government prepare a time-schedule for that?

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is difficult to draw any time-schedule for this. But the hon. Member has rightly said that in many schools benches are not available and in some others blackboards are not available.

[*English*]

Uptill the Seventh Plan, there was inadequate allotment of funds. Now, we are committed to raise it and we will try to raise it.

SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I agree to the proposal given by the hon. Minister. I have toured my entire constituency of Deogarh in Orissa, but the previous State Government of Orissa has ruined the educational system. Now, Popular Government has come in the Centre. So, I want to know, how much time will this Government take to restore the educational system?

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, at present, I can say that all aspects will be reviewed.

[*English*]

SHRI K.S. RAO: Sir, in the initial stages of formation of the Cabinet, the Ministry of Human Resources Development was not allocated to anybody. That itself shows how much attention the Government of India is going to pay to this Ministry. Later, it was stated that the Prime Minister is looking after the Ministry and after that it was given to Prof. M. G. K. Menon. So you must protect the Members than the Ministers.

MR. SPEAKER: I have always protected you.

SHRI K.S. RAO: Now, the Prime Minister is not there and the concerned Minister is also not there. Unfortunately, poor Shri Kotadia was made to answer all these questions. Now, my question through you to the hon. Minister is that whether he will convey the feeling to the concerned authority that vocationalisation is a must at every level keeping in view the importance of education which decides the entire nation's career and also its unsuitability to the present needs of the society? The present degrees have no relevance to the present needs. So, will he convey or insist that vocationalisation should be introduced at every level starting from Eighth standard or Ninth standard depending upon the attitude of the students?

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, first of all, I object to the word 'poor Kotadia'. I am competent enough to reply. Definitely, I will convey his feelings.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI. Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the backward areas of the country, such as Bhudelkhand, the literacy rate is merely 3-4 per cent and main reason for this is that the previous Government had never made any effort to provide adequate education facilities in backward areas. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether an intensive survey of backward areas will be conducted and a comprehensive plan will be prepared for them under the new Education Policy?

[*English*]

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, I appreciate the feelings of the hon. Member that the backward area should be paid more attention (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Take your seat.

[*Translation*]

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ: What a wonderful reply?

[*English*]

SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHARY: Sir, the Minister in his reply has stated that 1986 Education Policy is being reviewed.

I want to know what is the machinery the Government has set up to review the 1986 Education Policy;

(b) Whether all the objections that were made to the 1986 Education Policy by the educationists, which policy fell short of our requirements, are being taken into consideration;

(c) whether the Government is going to set up a special machinery inviting the educationists and teachers organisations to review this policy?

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, at this state, I can say that it is a good suggestion and it will be looked into.

SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the total number of Blackboard operation schemes under the new education policy covering the entire country so far and their achievement. How much time, they would like to take to cover the entire country. Are they going to cover the entire country during the 8th Plan or 9th Plan?

SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: Sir, the new Education Policy covers up to standard XII. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Next question. I have called Mr. Krishnamurthy.

Supply of Text Books by NCERT

*83. **SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints about abnormal delay in the supply of text books for various classes