

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c). The number of Navodaya Vidyalayas to be set up in Kerala during 1987-88 is yet to be decided.

**Holding of Festival of India in USSR and USSR'S in India**

\*314. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA :  
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Soviet delegation recently visited India to sign protocol of holding of Indian Festival in USSR and USSR Festival in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) In follow up of the Protocol on Festivals of India and USSR signed during the visit of H. E. Mr. M. S. Gorbachev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, Minister of Culture, USSR and Chairman of the Soviet Organising Committee Mr. V. G. Zakharov, and the Minister of Human Resource Development and Chairman of Indian Organising Committee, Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao signed a detailed programme of events of the two Festivals i.e. Festival of India in USSR and Festival of USSR in India, on 24th February, 1987.

(b) The Festivals, besides special inaugural events at Moscow, Leningrad and Tashkent in USSR and Delhi, Bombay, Bangalore and Calcutta in India, shall encompass events like performing arts, exhibitions, seminars/conferences, youth and sports programmes, film festivals, festival of national cuisine, sale of souvenir items, special publication programme etc.

**UNESCO scheme to eradicate illiteracy**

\*316. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :  
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a programme for the eradication of illiteracy was launched by the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation on 23 February, 1987 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main features of the programme;

(c) whether Government also propose to launch similar scheme in the country; and

(d) if so, the details therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d). The main aim of UNESCO's "Asia-Pacific Programme of Education for All (APPEAL) includes universalisation of primary education, eradication of illiteracy and provision of continuing education. The objective of programme is to strengthen the efforts of the Member-States of Asia-Pacific Region to eradicate illiteracy through regional co-operation. The regional programme of UNESCO (APPEAL) accords well with the objectives of our National Policy on Education 1986 and Programme of Action wherein high priority has been given to the programme of universalisation of primary education and Adult Education.

**Plans to construct schools in parks of residential colonies in Delhi**

\*317. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have plans to construct schools in the parks located in residential colonies in Delhi; and