

Graduate Teachers/Post Graduate Teachers is Rs. 1400/1640-2900 respectively. In regard to benefits other than medical assistance and age of retirement — that is, in respect of Group Insurance, Leave-Travel Concession, House Rent Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance, Dearness Allowance, bonus and Superannuation benefits — Assistants and TGTs and PGTs are treated alike. While the teachers get a fixed medical allowance of Rs. 15/- p.m., apart from reimbursement of expenses on medical treatment for chronic diseases, the Assistants are given the facility only of this re-imbursment. The age of retirement of teachers is 60 while that for Assistants is 58.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal to extend to the Assistants the benefits of retirement at 60 years of age or fixed medical allowance at Rs. 15/- p.m. in addition to the re-imbursments for treatment of chronic diseases as are presently applicable to teachers.

[*Translation*]

### **Celebration of Literacy year**

2057. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to make "Literacy Year" successful;

(b) the amount allocated to achieve the targets fixed in this regard; and

(c) whether the experience of adult education scheme has been kept in view of making efforts to make it a success?

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). United Nations has declared 1990 as the International Literacy Year (ILY). The Prime Minister launched ILY in India on 22nd January, 1990.

A plan for observance of ILY has been prepared keeping in view the past experience in implementation of literacy programmes. All State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to draw up a calendar of activities to be organised as part of observance of ILY. These activities are expected to generate public awareness about the implications of illiteracy as well as means for combating it, and to mobilise involvement of all sections of the society. Some of the activities organised or proposed to be organised in respect of ILY include:-

- (i) Presentation of tableau on ILY in the Republic Day Parade.
- (ii) Printing of calendar on the theme of ILY.
- (iii) Environment building on a massive scale through mass media folk and traditional media, and other means.
- (iv) Launching of mass campaigns for complete eradication of illiteracy in the State of Goa and pondicherry, and several selected districts, blocks, villages, etc. in other States/ UTs.
- (v) A larger involvement of students, educational institutions, non-student youth, voluntary organisations, ex-servicemen, etc. in literacy activities.
- (vi) Release of postal stamp.
- (vii) Organising the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Jatha to cover 70000 villages.

- (viii) Holding of exhibitions, conference and seminars, poster competitions, photo competitions on various themes of literacy.
- (ix) Arranging competitions on books for neo-literates.
- (x) Publication of success stories in newspapers, bulletins, periodicals magazines etc.
- (xi) Printing of ILY logo on things of common use for wide publicity of ILY.
- (xii) Televising films on literacy.

No specific allocation has been made for ILY, but allocations under the existing schemes aimed at eradication of illiteracy are being appropriately made use of.

### **Misuse of Money Given for Preservation of Forests in Bihar**

2058. SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation to Bihar for environment and preservation of forests for the last three years;

(b) whether whole of the money was used for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) The allocation for Bihar for environment and preservation of forests is as follows:-

*(Rs. in crores)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount allocated by the centre</i>	<i>Amount allocated in the State Plan</i>
1987-88	40.95	10.76
1988-89	55.64	15.28
1989-90	54.11	18.80

(b) and (c). There was some shortfall in utilisation owing to overall resource position of the State.

[*English*]

### **Code of Conduct for Tourists to Prevent Environmental Pollution**

2059. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay

down code of conduct and ethics for tourists to prevent environmental pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION: