

Hindi Teachers in Foreign Universities

8306. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:

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

(a) whether there is any scheme under which Hindi teachers and professors are sent to foreign universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(e) If so, the details thereof?

(c) the number of such teachers sent to the different countries during last three years;

(d) whether there is scheme to send the Hindi professors of North to South and vice-versa for the development of Hindi in the country also; and

(e) If so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) . According to information furnished by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Hindi Teachers are deputed to Foreign Universities under Bilateral Cultural Exchange Programmes and under the Scheme of Propagation of Hindi abroad

(c) During the period 1989-90 to 1991-92, 12 Hindi Teachers have been sent under the above Schemes.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Japanese Assistance for Development of Buddhist Monuments and Places

8307. SHRI SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO WADDE. SHRIBOLLABOLLIRAMIAH:

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

(a) whether Japan has agreed to assist in the development of the Buddhist monuments and places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such places are likely to be developed in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details including the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has signed a loan agreement with the OECF of Japan for the (i) development of infrastructure facilities at the selected sites in the indentified Buddhist Circuit in the State of U.P. and Bihar (ii) conservation and development of Ajanta and Ellora.

(c) and (d) The projects proposal for strengthening of tourism infrastructural facilities at places of Buddhist importance in Andhra Pradesh submitted by the State Government for OECF assistance from the Government of Japan will be taken up for consideration only after the project under implementation in the states of U.P and Bihar has been completed.

[Translation]

Operation Black Board in Orissa

830. SHRI SRIKANTH JENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of Operation Black Board is being implemented in all the districts of Orissa;