

Science Centre at Vijayawada

203. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Science Centre at Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives and programmes likely to be taken up at that Science Centre; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be established?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). The National Council of Science Museums, (NCSM), Calcutta, an Autonomous Organisation under this Department, has accepted the proposal for setting up of a Science Centre at Vijayawada with the financial assistance from the Andhra Pradesh Council of Science & Technology, an Andhra Pradesh Government Institution. The site plan for the Centre has been prepared and the requisite area has been demarcated. However, the proposed site has not yet been handed over to the NCSM.

(c) The objectives and programmes of the Vijayawada Science Centre will be:-

Objectives:

(i) to popularise science and technology through visitors participation in exhibits and activities.

(ii) to foster creative talent and inculcate a spirit of inquiry amongst the young children.

(iii) to supplement science education in schools and establish a self reliant culture in education.

(iv) to take science to the door of common man and to create a scientific temper in the community.

Programmes

Saemi-permanent galleries, circulating exhibitions, popular science demonstrations, science fairs, science seminars creative hobby and community development programmes particularly relating to rural areas.

(d) Expected time of completion is 18-24 months from the date of handing over of the plot of land to NCSM.

[Translation]**Non-Formal Education Centres**

204. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-formal education centers functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether job-oriented courses have been introduced in these centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of centres likely to be set up during 1993-94, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A