

SHAHI): (a) and (b). The Patna Museum is under the State Government of Bihar. Therefore, information is being obtained from the State Government. It will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

New Child Welfare Schemes

949. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether three new child welfare schemes have been introduced by Government;

(b) if so, the details of each of these schemes;

(c) the extent of Central assistance proposed to be given for each one of the Schemes; and

(d) whether any time frame has been fixed for their implementation all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. This Ministry has not introduced any new schemes. However the Ministry of Labour have started three new projects. The details as provided by them are given in the Statement below.

(c) The outlays approved for the current financial year for the three projects are Rs. 31.19 lakhs. Rs. 6.90 lakhs and Rs. 30.09 lakhs respectively.

(d) Since the projects are area specific, the question of their implementation all over the country does not arise.

STATEMENT

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Under the project-based plan of action of the National Policy on Child Labour, the Ministry of Labour have started the following three new projects:

- (i) Project for the welfare of children working in the precious stone polishing industry in Jaipur, Rajasthan,
- (ii) Project for the welfare of children working in the slate pencil making industry in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, and
- (iii) Project for the welfare of children working in the slate industry in Markapur, Andhra Pradesh.

Under all three projects special schools for child workers have been set up. These schools will provide vocational education/training, supplementary nutrition and stipend to children taken out from prohibited employments, and health care. Coverage of families of child labour is also proposed under Government's income/employment generating anti-poverty programmes. Enforcement of laws/legal provisions relating to child labour will be stepped up in the project areas.

Farm Research

950. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH:
DR. G.S. RAJHANS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by scientists in the field of farm research in recent years; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to boost the agricultural research in the country?