

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether the Government celebrates the Teacher's Day every year ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The aims and objectives set on the occasion ;
- (d) Number of National Awards awarded to the teachers during each of the last three years, year-wise ;
- (e) Whether any funds for the welfare of teachers is also collected; and
- (f) If so, details and objectives thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September each year on the birth anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, former President of India, and a philosopher and teacher par excellence. It is celebrated as a mark of respect to him and to the teaching fraternity. National Awards to Teachers are presented every year on the Teacher's Day.

(d) : During the last three years the number of teachers awarded are as under :

| Year | No. of teachers awarded |
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| 2003 | 283 |
| 2004 | 306 |
| 2005 | 309 |

(e) & (f) : Fund collection drives are not carried out by the Government, but under the aegis of the National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare (NFTW) and the State Units of NFTW on purely voluntary basis. The fund is deposited to the corpus maintained by them. The interest accrued on the corpus is utilised for providing financial assistance under certain schemes, namely

- (i) medical assistance to teachers suffering from serious ailments,
- (ii) support for professional education of children of school teachers,
- (iii) construction of Shikshak Sadans,
- (iv) paid holiday to eminent teachers who have rendered meritorious services and
- (v) subsidy to teachers for academic activity.