

1	2	3
10.	Orissa	0.13
11.	West Bengal	0.02
12.	Andhra Pradesh	2.15
13.	Karnataka	2.67
14.	Tamil Nadu	2.59
15.	Pondicherry	0.15
16.	Kerala	0.04
17.	Goa	0.03
18.	Nagaland	-
All India		32.84

Regional Language

4025. SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are making some special efforts for the upliftment of regional languages specially to give a proper place to the official language Hindi for the expansion of the 'Swadeshi' feeling; and

(b) if so, the details of such measures likely to be taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Govt. has established a Central Institute for the development of regional languages, at Mysore in 1969. Various activities for the propagation and development of regional languages are being carried out under its aegis. Particularly preparation of text and instructional material for strengthening the place of regional languages as a medium of education, provision of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and State agencies in the field of regional languages, grant of book writing awards to encourage writing in regional languages; provision of facilities through modern gadgets in the field of learning and teachings etc. This not only provides their proper place to the languages but also strengthens the feeling of Swadeshi.

[English]

Occupational Disease Centre

4026. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Occupational Disease Centre in Bangalore by the Employees State Insurance Corporation to cater to the needs of the employees of all types of industries;

(b) if so, the number of employees are likely to be benefited; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Employment to Women

4027. SHRIMATI MEERA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of women seeking jobs through employment exchanges is increasing and there is no corresponding increase in the jobs to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, state-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to open separate employment exchanges for women;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to set up separate Employment Exchanges for women as the existing system is felt sufficient to take care of women job seekers.

Grants from Foreign Countries

4028. SHRI VIJAY SINGH SOY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some N.G.O's are obtaining grants from foreign/international agencies under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, (FCRA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount granted alongwith the name of the projects for which such grants are offered?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 12136 associations have reported receipt of foreign contribution during the year 1996-97.

(c) The purpose-wise details of such receipts is attached as statement.