

pay leave lapses on retirement is not centrally monitored.

(c) Government are not in favour of the encashment of half-pay leave at the time of retirement on superannuation.

[English]

#### **Training for Global Technology**

6035. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concrete plan for personnel training to meet the requirement to fast changing production technology in various fields;

(b) whether these training programmes will cover all levels of personnel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Representation from Association of Bharat Natyam Artists**

6036. SHRIMATI VYJAYANTIMALA BALI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Bharatnatyam artists (ABHAI) had request the Government to accord its recognition so that it could effectively pursue the problem of

performing artist and for furtherance of the cause of arts; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither the Department of Culture nor the Sangeet Natak Akademi have any system of according formal recognition to any art Organisation. Individual artists and Voluntary Cultural Organisations who are eligible can avail themselves of the benefits available under the various schemes and programme operated by the Department of Culture and Sangeet Natak Akademi. No formality of recognition has been prescribed for this.

#### **Clearance to Development of Sabrimala Shrine in Kerala**

6038. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the development of Sabrimala Shrine in Kerala is Pending with the Union Government for environment clearance; and

(b) if so, when necessary clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.