

(b) Only 2 cases have been referred by the State Government in 1988 and 1989. Investigation in both cases has been finalised.

(c) During the year 1989 investigations in 1051 cases have been finalised.

(d) 2 cases are being investigated.

[*Translation*]

**Birth Centenary Celebrations of Dr.  
B.R. Ambedkar**

6045. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS  
VARMA:  
SHRI HET RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate the birth centenary of Dr. Baba Sahab Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, the manner in which it will be celebrated?

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) The Centenary will be celebrated at the National level in a befitting manner as has been the practice in similar cases of celebration of the Centenaries of other distinguished citizens of India.

[*English*]

**Ban on Advertisements of Baby Milk foods In Radio and T.V.**

6046. SHRI KALP NATH RAI:  
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned advertisements relating to baby milk foods in its media-Radio and Television, with a view to encouraging breast feeding for babies and discouraging the use of artificial milk for babies; and

(b) if 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) and (b). Yes, Sir. The information and Broadcasting Ministry have decided that advertisements for baby foods can be accepted by AIR and Doordarshan so long as the manufacturers and distributors of these products do not promote them as being suitable for use as partial or total substitutes for breast milk. Each proposal is required to be examined on its own merit before final acceptance.

**Freight Equalisation Policy**

6047. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government has made a strong plea for scrapping of the freight equalisation policy as industries in West Bengal had to bear a higher raw material supply compared to their counter-parts

elsewhere in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in taking the decisions?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government had accepted in principle the Pande Committee Report (80) for phased abolition of freight equalisation scheme subject to subsidisation of transports for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. However, representations were received from a number of States against abolition of freight equalisation scheme since that would put them into a disadvantageous position. In April, 1986, Government decided to refer the issue to the National Development Council for a decision. The decision is awaited.

[*Translation*]

### **Comprehensive Cultural Schemes in Rajasthan**

6048. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten more comprehensive cultural schemes were to be prepared in relation to National Heritage Projects under the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether these schemes were prepared:

(c) whether the programme to develop necessary facilities under the scheme in Ajmer district in Rajasthan was also given top priority in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes finalised?

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) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

### **Courses in Indira Gandhi National Open University**

6049. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:  
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:  
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the courses being offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University;

(b) the total enrollment this year for different courses by that University;

(c) the new courses proposed to be offered by that University in the coming academic years;

(d) the details of study centres established by that University in different parts of the country; and

(e) number of study centres proposed to be opened during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DE-