

Education has been designated as Chairman.

**Press Report Captioned "IPKF Under Estimated LTTE"**

\*461. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to the report captioned "IPKF under-estimated LTTE" appearing in "The Hindu" dated 21 March, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The press report merely reflects the personal opinion of one of the leaders of the LTTE. The Government are of the view that the IPKF has completed a difficult task in Sri Lanka, performing their duties in an exemplary fashion with dedication and valour.

**Forest Law of 'Zudpi Jungle'**

\*462. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the provisions in Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 relating to 'Zudpi Jungle', a large number of slum improvement schemes of Maharashtra particularly in Nagpur district have not been implemented;

(b) whether Government propose to send a high level team to Nagpur to sort out the matter; and

(c) if so, by when and other steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No proposal of slum improvement scheme involving 'zudpi jungle' in Maharashtra is pending in this Ministry.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Special Recruitment Drive for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes**

\*463. DR. BHAGWAN DASS RATHOR:  
DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch another special recruitment drive to clear the backlog of reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Ministries/Department of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereof and the time limit fixed?

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

(b) Action for filling up the reserved vacancies will be initiated in June, 1990. The drive is expected to be completed by the end of October, 1990.

**Agreement between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Public Sector Bodies**

\*464. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:  
SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: