

Uttar Pradesh consisting of Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Sidharthnagar, Basti, Deoriya, Ajamgarh, Baliya, Gajipur and Mirjapur. The number of seats per lakh of population in the area is 22. Two more polytechnics are being established in this area to improve the facilities.

[*English*]

#### **C & AG on Sahitya Kala Parishad**

1004. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C & AG) has pulled up Sahitya Kala Parishad, a Delhi Administration body entrusted with the promotion of art and culture for unaccounted, unused and unwarranted expenses; in their Report No. 3 of 1990 relating to Union Government (Delhi Administration); and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government on wastage of Government money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). The Report of the C & AG has been received by the Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Report of the C & AG incorporating action taken by Delhi Administration by way of corrective/remedial measures has since been forwarded to C&AG. Their comments on action taken by Delhi Administration are still awaited. Full report will be laid on the Table of the House at the earliest.

[*Translation*]

#### **Ajmer Regiment**

1005. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a regiment named 'Ajmer Regiment' in Indian Army during the time of British Rule;

(b) if so, the reasons for disbanding the said regiment;

(c) whether Government propose to revive this Regiment now; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The Ajmer Regiment, raised in 1942, was disbanded in 1946. After World War-II, a decision was taken to reduce the strength of the Indian Army and, consequently, about eight thousand army units were disbanded, Ajmer Regiment was one of them.

(b) No, Sir.

(d) While the names of certain regiments are retained for historical and other reasons, no regiment is being raised on the basis of class, community, religion or region, as per policy.

[*English*]

#### **Employment to Persons whose Land was acquired for Naval Air Base in Tamil Nadu**

1006. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of construction of the Naval Air Base at Arakonam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a member from each family from whom the land has been acquired for the Naval Air Base is proposed to be provided with a suitable job at the Air Base; and