

4. Dog Squads are also deployed for preventive and detective duties.

5. Close co-ordination between the RPF and GRP is maintained at various levels to deal with criminals and receivers of stolen coal.

As and when cases involving complicity of railway employees comes to light, deterrent action is taken against them both with a view to punish them and also to set an example to others. Outsiders are prosecuted in a court of law.

(d) The estimated cost is Rs. 9, 14,07, 000/- and actual expenditure is Rs. 9.22, 60,000/-.

Funds for Improvement of Science Education

4027. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any direction to State Governments to provide adequate funds for improvement of Science Education in all the recognised schools in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Government and recognised schools of Madhya Pradesh have been provided funds therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Union Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Improvement of Science Education in

Schools provides assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for the following components in a phased manner:-

- provision of science kits to government and Government aided upper primary schools;
- Upgradation and strengthening of science laboratories in government and Government-aided secondary and senior secondary schools;
- Supply of library books to government and government aided secondary and senior secondary schools;
- Setting up of District Resource Centres for Science Education;
- Training of science and mathematics teachers.

(c) & (d). Under the aforesaid Scheme, Government of Madhya Pradesh has so far been provided assistance for the following items:-

- provisions of science kits to 6291 upper primary schools;
- setting up of new laboratories in 650 secondary/senior secondary schools;
- supply of library books to 625 secondary/senior secondary schools;
- Organisation of 140 programmes for training science and mathematics teachers.

Pending full utilisation of the earlier grant-in-aid, fresh proposals submitted by the State government of Madhya Pradesh under the Scheme could not be considered.