

Central assistance is not given on village-wise basis. The Central assistance is released to the State Government for drinking water supply for implementing schemes approved under Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Mini Missions and Sub Missions. During the period from the January, 1991 to December, 1992, the Central Government had provided central assistance of Rs. 3279.79 lakhs.

[Translation]

### Research Programmes

33. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructural facilities have been provided at various places in all the States and Union Territories in the country to undertake various research programmes in the field of science and Technology;

(b) if so, the steps taken for exploiting the resources available there;

(c) the time by which the Government are likely to take initiative in this regard; and

(d) the details of the projects likely to be started in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, through the mechanism of Five Year Plans, government has created considerable Science and Technology infrastructure facilities in the form of science and Technology Institutions, National Research Laboratories etc. under the various Science and Technology

departments and Socio-Economic Ministries to undertake research programmes in the field of Science and Technology. In addition, Government has also established State Science and Technology Councils in the States and Union Territories for formulation, planning, coordinating and promoting Science and Technology activities at the State level.

Government has provided increased Plan allocations for science and Technology for the Central Sector Outlay as well as State Sector Outlay during the Eighth Plan for Science and Technology Programmes, which will help in strengthening and modernising infrastructural facilities. Several Science and Technology departments/agencies have extramural R&D schemes, specific to their areas of operation, which also provide considerable infrastructural facilities to the various educational institutions and research laboratories for undertaking research programmes. The University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource development have special programmes for strengthening infrastructure for Science and Technology in educational institutions. Government has also recently increased the allocations for overhead expenses on extramural R&D schemes, which are meant to provide infrastructural support for research and development activities.

[English]

### Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission

34. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets for the year 1993-94 under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, state-wise;

(b) whether the target for 1992-93 is likely to be achieved under this Mission; and