

Discovery of Dwarka City

287. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project regarding discovery of the Dwarka city mentioned in the Hindu Mythology is lying pending with the Government for the last few years;

(b) whether the excavation work in this regard has been started;

(c) if so, the details of the facts came into light as a result thereof;

(d) the amount estimated for completion of the said project; and

(e) the total amount released for the purpose so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Underwater exploration of Dwarka and Bet Dwarka was undertaken by Dr. S.R. Rao of National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, under a project approved by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for Underwater Exploration of Dwarka and the total expenditure incurred in this project upto March, 1995 is Rs. 77.31 lakhs. As a result of said work at Dwarka, structures such as fallen walls, bastions, big and small stone anchors, copper vessels, stone door-sockets, spheroid stone bases of masts of boats and remains of an ancient harbour with about 300 mtrs. long ridge have been revealed. Some antiquities like pottery, a seal, inscription were found from Bet-Dwarka.

Besides, Department of Science and Technology had approved a project entitled "Marine Archaeological Studies in Indian Waters" at the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa. The amount released for a period October, 1984 to March, 1990 is Rs. 28.31 lakhs against a total cost of the project Rs. 31.99 lakhs.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds for Development of Farmers

288. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal requesting sanction of funds under the Prime Minister's Special Programme for Small and medium Farmers for development of the infrastructure for the financial year 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Funds could not be released since the scheme has not been continued during the year 1995-96.

Primary Education in Uttar Pradesh

289. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Districts of Uttar Pradesh where primary schools are proposed to be opened with the World Bank assistance indicating the number of such schools likely to be opened;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to make a request to the World Bank to provide more financial assistance to promote primary education in some other Districts particularly in Badaun and Shahjahanpur Districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI) : (a) The names of the districts and number of primary schools proposed to be opened with the World Bank assistance in the Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Project are as follows:

(1) Gorakhpur	262
(2) Varanasi	163
(3) Allahabad	327
(4) Banda	152
(5) Sitapur	386
(6) Etawah	251
(7) Aligarh	171
(8) Saharanpur	102
(9) Pauri Garhwal	113
(10) Nainital	125

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(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.

Educational Development for Minority Students

290. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the facilities provided to the minority students under the programme of action; and

(b) the fund allocated to Bihar under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) In pursuance of the Programme of Action, 1992 the central schemes of Area Intensive