

Tribal Sub Plan and Special Component Plan

2687. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar under Tribal sub plan and special component plan during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the families benefited under this project during the aforesaid pe-

riod in Bihar, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Ministry of Welfare allocates funds under Special Central Assistance (SCA) as an additive to Tribal sub-Plan TSP) and Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Funds are also allocated to State Governments under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). The amounts allocated to Bihar under SCA and CSS during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Special Central Assistance for		Central Sponsored Scheme for STs and SCs
	TSP	SCP	
1988-89	24.72	16.37	7.45
1989-90	27.72	16.18	19.87
1990-91	29.32	22.46	9.20

(b) The district-wise details of the families benefited are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Festival of India

2688. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Cultural Festival of India was opened in U.S.A. recently;

(b) whether a similar festival was sponsored by the United States of America six years ago, and

(b) if so, the extent to which these festivals strengthen the Indo-US relations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Government has not organised a Cultural Festival of India in the U.S.A. recently. However, it is learnt that such a Cultural Festival has been organised by two private organisations based in the U.S.A.

(b) and (c). The Government had organised a Festival of India in the U.S.A. from June 1985 till the end of 1986. The United States of America did not sponsor a return festival to India. The Festival of India organised by the Government has helped to strengthen bilateral cultural relations and brought about increased awareness of In-