

[English]

**Non Utilisation of funds due to Lack of initiative by U. G. C.**

5016. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1984-85 although funds were available with the University Grants Commission these could not be used by Universities for promotion of Science through museums and other means and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) if so, what is the amount of non-utilised fund ; and

(c) the details of the programme drawn up by the University Grants Commission for 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) : The UGC has been assisting the Science Education Centres functioning in the Rajasthan Madurai Kamaraj Universities for popularisation of Science through museums and other means. For the period 1982-83 to 1985-86 these centres have been sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 4.00 lakhs each. In addition, towards the end of the Sixth Plan, the Commission decided to assist Universities/Institutions on a selective basis for courses in Museology and development of museums. An allocation of Rs. 2.00 lakhs was made in the revised estimates for 1984-85 for this scheme, and proposals were invited from universities for consideration. So far, 22 universities have submitted their proposals. The Commission has constituted a Committee to consider them. This committee has not yet met and made its recommendation. No assistance was therefore provided to any University in 1984-85 under this scheme.

(c) The meeting of the Committee is being convened shortly to consider the proposals received so far. Steps are proposed to be taken to provide assistance to Universities for development of museums as soon as the recommendations of the Committee become available.

**Central Assistance for Upgradation of Primary Health Centres**

5017. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance has been given to States for the upgradation of Primary Health Centres ;

(b) if so, the amount provided to Orissa for this purpose in the 6th plan ;

(c) the number of Primary Health Centres which have been upgraded in Orissa with Central assistance so for ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) No Central assistance is provided to the State for upgradation of Primary Health Centres, as this activity is under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. However, in Orissa under Special Area Project Rs. 477.01 lakhs has been provided for upgradation of 25 Primary Health Centres and improvement of Subdivisional and Taluka Hospitals. In Orissa, as per information available, in all 42 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded.

**Setting up of Wheel and Axle Plants**

5018. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Wheel and Axle Plants set up in the country ;

(b) the name of the places where such plants have been set up ;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up some more number of such plants in the Seventh Plan ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement such proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) 3.