

the education system according to their needs and aspirations.

Command Area Development Programme in Orissa

2766. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the year of the inception of Command Area Development Programme in Orissa;

(b) how many Command Areas Development Authorities have since been set up in the State for implementing the programme;

(c) the various development programmes which have been considered by these Authorities in the Command Areas;

(d) the amount spent on the development of Command Areas in the Sixth Plan; and

(e) the details of the Central allocation made for that purpose in the above plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) 1974-75.

(b) Four Command Area Development Authorities have been set up.

(c) The activities taken up by these Authorities include topographical survey, soil survey, land consolidation, construction of field channels and field drains, land shaping, introduction of warabandi, adaptive trials, multiple crop demonstration and farmers training. The Command Area Development Authorities have also encouraged allied agricultural activities like pisciculture development and dairy poultry and piggery activities.

(d) & (e) The State Government has spent Rs. 737.51 lakhs from the State sector on CAD during the 6th Plan. In addition, a total amount of Rs. 956.88 lakhs has been released as Central assistance to the State Government during the 9th Plan of which Rs. 477.97 lakhs has

been released as grant and Rs. 478.91 lakhs as loan.

Films submitted to Censor Board

2767. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films in various languages submitted to Censor Board during 1985 till date;

(b) the number out of them approved/unapproved for screening language-wise; and

(c) out of these number of films in each language exhibited and yet to be exhibited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The total number of Indian feature films submitted to the Central Board of Film Certification during the period January to September 1985 is 725.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Central Board of Film Certification is concerned with certification of films only and has, therefore, no information regarding films exhibited and yet to be exhibited.

Development blocks selected in Rajasthan for operating ICDS Programme

2768. SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state : (a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Child Development Services Programme was expected to be operative and active in 1,000 Development Blocks of the country by mid 1983;

(b) whether the target has been achieved and if not, what are the causes for the same; and

(c) how many Development Blocks have been selected for operating this programme upto September, 1985 in the State of Rajasthan and what is their progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) & (b) Against the target of 1,000 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) projects by 1984-85, 1019 Centrally sponsored ICDS projects had been sanctioned as under :

upto 1981-82	300
1282-83	320
1983-84	202
1984-85	197

Total =	1019

A project takes about 18—24 months to become operational. Accordingly, 822 projects, sanctioned till 1983-84, are expected to be operational by the end of 1985. By June 1985, reports of 964 projects were received and 822 of them had become operational.

In addition, 117 ICDS projects were started in the State Sector upto the end of the Sixth Plan. Of them, 116 were operational in June 1985.

(c) Up to 1984-85, 45 ICDS projects were sanctioned in Rajasthan. Of them, 38 were operational in September 1985. 10 more projects have been sanctioned in Rajasthan for 1985-86

Evaluation of Cultural Programmes in France and U.S.A.

2769. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the impact of various cultural programmes, which have been shown to audiences in France and USA so far under the Festival of India, has been evaluated; and

(c) if so, outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As evaluated by media coverage and public response, the Festival of India in France and U.S.A. has been an impressive cultural event unprecedented in recent years and has succeeded in projecting India as a progressive and self-reliant country with a rich heritage.

Standard of education in public schools and government schools

2770. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is wide variation in the standards of public schools run by private Management and Government run schools;

(b) if so, whether any efforts has ever been made to bring in uniformity in standards; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Although standards of education are not exactly measurable, but it can be generally said that the number of schools with high standard of education is small compared to the total number of schools in the country. There are many Government schools also where standard of education is high. The number of public schools, i.e. those who are the members of the Public Schools Conference is only 57, and this includes both private and Government supported schools. Since public schools have access to sufficient financial resources, they have most of the facilities required, and consequently the standard of education is generally high. A large majority of Government schools on the other hand are substantially deficient in facilities which adversely affects the standard of education.