

Assistance to Maharashtra for Welfare of SCs/STs

5898. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the details regarding the financial assistance provided in Maharashtra during the last three years, years wise, for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under special component plan and tribal sub-plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : A statement is given below.

Statement

The approval outlay of the Special Component Plan (SCP) for the last three years earmarked by the State of Maharashtra for the development of Scheduled Castes and also the Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided by the Central Government as an additive to the SCP are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Approved SCP Outlay	SCA released
1983-84	3081.10	922.14
1984-85	4391.18	742.71
1985-86	4287.13	862.21

Similarly, the approved outlay of the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the last three years earmarked by the State of Maharashtra for the Development of Scheduled Tribes and also the Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided by the Central Government as an additive to the TSP are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Approved TSP Outlay	SCA released
1983-84	7159.35	758.75
1984-85	7749.12	799.33
1985-86	8245.00	950.69

Super Computer at Hyderabad

5899. SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Electronics Commission proposes to set up a Super Computer at Hyderabad as part of building up a strong information net work in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposal; and

(c) the likely date by which super computer will be installed at Hyderabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. National Informatics Centre under Department of Electronics propose to set up a super computer at Hyderabad as part of building up a strong information network in the country.

(b) The estimated cost of the proposal is approximately Rs. 9.55 crores including the building and the other necessary infrastructure.

(c) The estimated date of installation and Commissioning of the super computer at Hyderabad is October 1986.

"Import of Technology for Control of Acoustic Pollution"

5900. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans/contracts for the import of technology during the current year for the effective control of acoustic pollution;

(b) whether there are any research institutes presently probing into the indigenous technology for control of acoustic pollution; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The National Physical Laboratory, Indian Council of Medical Research and a number of institutes like the Indian Institutes of Technology and universities have on-going research projects in this field.

[*Translation*]

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

5901. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to expedite the implementation of poverty eradication programmes in tribal areas and the areas where persons belonging to scheduled castes are in majority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir, Under Tribal sub-Plan and Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes, the strategy in the Seventh Five Year Plan is to provide a package of services to individual beneficiary families for income-generating schemes to enable them to cross the poverty-line and meeting their specific needs. The schemes aim at raising productivity by providing inputs as irrigation, institutional credit, infrastructural facilities, marketing, supply of raw-material for village and small industries as well as training. Implementation of the poverty alleviation programmes is expected to be expedited with the operation of anti-poverty programmes of rural development in conjunction with the operation of the two special Plans.

[*English*]

Uranium Deposits in the Country

5902. SHRI M. SUBBA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the known sources of uranium deposits in our country;

(b) what is the estimated quantity of uranium available in our country;

(c) how much thereof is exploited per annum at present;

(d) whether there is any proposal to develop uranium exploitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) The major part of uranium deposits in our country are in Singhbhum Dist. of Bihar and also in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Meghalaya.

(b) The country's estimated total of uranium reserves are of the order of 73,900 tonnes of U₃ O₈ in both indicated and inferred categories.

(c) to (e). Uranium Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department is presently operating a mine and mill at Jadugula for production of uranium concentrates. The corporation has also set up a uranium recovery plant at Surda and Rakha nearby to treat the copper tailings from Hindustan Copper Ltd., for recovery of uranium. Besides, work on a new mine at Bhatin has been started and the Corporation proposes to take up two more mines at Narwapahar and Turamdih in the current Five Year Plan. Exploitation of uranium is commensurate with the needs of the nuclear power programme of the country.

Retrenchment of Teaching Staff of NDA

5903. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of teaching staff retrenched from National Defence Academy recently;

(b) the reasons of their retrenchment;