

Scrapping of Schemes

944. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-
GAVA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap some schemes due to non-availability of funds as per the new planning programmes of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the schemes which are being considered by Government on priority basis?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Government does not propose to scrap any worth while scheme due to non-availability of funds.

(b) Does not arise.

Priority to Development of Human Resources In Eighth Plan

945. SHRI PRATAPRAOB. BHOSALE:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give top priority to development of human resources in the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outlay proposed to be earmarked for this programme?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Eighth Plan is now being formulated Programmes like Universalisation of Elementary Education, Eradication of Adult Illiteracy, preventive and promotive aspects of

Primary Health Care, Programmes of Development of Youth, Women and Children, all of which bear on development of human resources are expected to have a central place in the Eighth Plan. Democratic decentralisation within the federal framework is also expected to improve the quality of social services.

(b) Requisite outlays for these programmes would be incorporated in the Plan document.

Scientific Infrastructure for Specific Needs

946. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are considering building of scientific infrastructure and gear it to the specific needs like employment generations, rural energy and agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Government is making a special effort to gear the existing science infrastructure to specific needs relating to employment generation, rural energy and agriculture. A programme of action has been formulated for involvement of Science and Technology departments and agencies with a view to directing their major efforts towards specific programmes of direct and visible benefits to society in terms of poverty alleviation, employment generation, improvement of rural economy; some of these are:

(i) exploration and utilisation of natural