

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT  
VIJOY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Modernisation of the old Ordnance Factories is an on-going process. It includes replacement of old plant and machinery and augmentation of capacities in critical areas. The investment made in the old factories during the last three years is as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rs. in crores</i>
1987-88	242.24
1988-89	303.91
1989-90	317.25

It is not in public interest to give more details.

(d) The Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised.

#### Schemes for Development of Desert Areas

397. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce any comprehensive scheme for the development of desert areas in the Eighth Plan; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount earmarked for the scheme in the Eighth Plan; and

(c) whether the scheme would be fully financed by the Union Government?

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL  
MORARKA): (a) and (c). A Centrally Sponsored Scheme known as Desert Development Programme has been in operation since 1977-78 and presently 100 per cent central assistance is provided to the States.

(b) The details of the Eighth Five Year Plan have not been finalised as yet.

#### Institutions Engaged in Research in Sanskrit

398. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in identifying the reputed institutions engaged in research in Sanskrit in the country during implementation of Technology Development Projects of Indian Languages Programme which includes development of various learning systems; and

(b) the conclusions drawn from the review and assessment of the research, institution-wise?

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL  
MORARKA): (a) and (b). The following institutions engaged in research in Sanskrit have been identified during the first phase of implementation of the Technology Development in Indian Languages (TDIL) programme:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>
1. Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapith, New Delhi	— Sanskrit Learning Systems
	— Relevance of Sanskrit to research in Computer Science