27 Written Answers

Island Development Authority

2949. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the last Island Development Authority was constituted;

(b) whether the same was functioning under the Planning Commission;

(c) whether this has been scrapped or reconstituted or its reconstitution delayed for some unavoidable reasons; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) August, 1986.

(b) The Island Development authority is serviced by the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d). Proposals for making changes in the organisational arrangements are under consideration.

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Updating of NCERT Text Books

2950. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training Text Books are Up-dated regularly; and

(b) if so, the factors which are taken into consideration for up-dating them and the frequency for up-dating the books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following factors are taken into consideration for updating the NCERT textbooks:

- Changes in factual information that take place in the subjects or topics included in school syllabi.
- ii) New developments in certain disciplines necessitating changes in the contents of text books.

The text books published by the NCERT are updated every year before they are taken up for reprinting.

Maintenance of Elephanta Caves

2951. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: SHRI ER ANBARASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Elephanta Caves which date back to the 5th Century are in shambles for want of adequate maintenance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of amount spent on maintenance of these caves; and

(d) the amount spent annually in maintenance of the caves as compared to the money collected as entry fee to the caves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) (c), Sir.