

(b) if so, the assistance being given by the Union Government to the Government of Bihar for making full use of this ground water for providing maximum irrigation facility in this region ?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) Groundwater is one of the sources of irrigation in the region south of Ganga in Bihar besides a number of major and medium irrigation projects also.

(b) The Government of India is rendering assistance to the Government of Bihar through the Central Ground Water Board for undertaking surveys and exploration of groundwater resources. In addition, a project for comprehensive evaluation of groundwater resources in Chhota Nagpur area falling in Kasai and Subarnarekha River Basins has been taken up by the Central Ground Water Board with assistance from UNDP under which detailed plans for exploitation of groundwater resource in this area would be prepared. Further, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the strengthening of State Ground Water and Surface Water Minor Irrigation organisations, Central assistance of Rs. 27.19 lakhs as 50% matching grant was released to the State during the Sixth Plan. This scheme is proposed to be continued during the Seventh Plan. The Central Government is also assisting the Bihar Government in obtaining World Bank assistance for construction of 500 deep tubewells and repairs and rehabilitation of 4,712 existing deep tubewells.

[English]

**Mehrotra Committee on Pay Scales of College and University Teachers**

**713. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mehrotra Committee appointed by the University Grants Commission to look into the pay scales of college and University teachers has since submitted any report ;

(b) if so, the main recommendations contained in the Report and the decisions taken by Government thereon ;

(c) the date on which the Committee was set up and the date by which it was to submit its report ; and

(d) if the report has not been submitted, the reasons for delay and the likely date by which it will be submitted ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Committee was appointed in December 1983, and was expected to submit its report by August, 1984.

(d) The Committee has initiated discussions with representatives of teachers, State Governments, Vice-Chancellors, educationists, etc. Sub-Committees had visited various State Capitals for this purpose. The arrangement of these discussions had taken some time. Further, the committee was also to take into account the recommendations of the National Commission on Teachers which were available only in March, 1985. The Committee now expects to submit its report by March, 1986.

**Central Schools in the Country**

**714. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places, state-wise at which the Central Schools were sanctioned during the current financial year (1985-86) ; and

(b) the names of such places where the schools have since been opened and the likely dates by which the remaining schools would be opened in each case and the reasons for delay ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) :** (a) and (b). A Statement is given below.