

	New Tubewells	Modernisation	Old tubewells connected to dedicated feeders
Total to be taken up under the Project	2200	100	650
Energised so far	1776	79	68

(c) Among the major considerations for selecting tubewell sites is that there should be sufficient unirrigated land for clusters of about 25 wells in the area, the ground water available should be of suitable quality and there should be no other public source of irrigation water available in the area.

(d) This Project covers only 45 districts of U.P. and is expected to be completed by March, 1988.

[English]

#### **Recognition to Santhali Script**

695 DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to recognise the Santhali script; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAH): (a) and (b). Ol-Chiki, Bengali, Devnagari, Roman and Oriya scripts are used for Santhali language by different groups in different regions. There is no consensus so far on any particular script. The Government of India do not propose to recognise any script for Santhali language.

#### **Development of Villages Around Rourkela Steel Plant**

696. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will

the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rourkela Steel Plant authorities have launched a peripheral development programme to develop the villages situated near the plant; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the plan, number of villages going to be developed and the amount that has been sanctioned for this purpose alongwith the facilities which are going to be extended in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Rourkela Steel Plant had launched a peripheral development programme in 1975 to develop the villages within a radius of 8 Kilometers from its acquired area.

The development plan aims at socio-economic upliftment of the villagers.

There are in all 121 villages within a radius of 8 Kilometers from the acquired boundary of the steel plant. The development work has already been taken up in 65 villages so far and an amount of Rs. 46 lakhs (approximately) has already been spent on various welfare measures during the period 1975-76 to 1986-87.

Some of the welfare schemes implemented under the peripheral development programme are as under:—

- (i) Drinking water Facilities: through dug wells, tube wells and permanent drinking water supply schemes;

- (ii) Educational Facilities: through construction of school buildings in a large number of villages;
- (iii) Communication Facilities through provision of link roads to the villages,
- (iv) Recreational Facilities: by construction of Village Community Centres;
- (v) Health Care: by providing regular medical treatment with free distribution of medicines by running medical aid centres in the villages;
- (vi) Various economic development programmes, such as, dairy and poultry development and development of agriculture and cottage and village industries.

In the coming years it is proposed to cover more and more areas so that within the next five years all the remaining villages in a radius of 8 Kilometers from the boundary of the plant are covered under the peripheral development programme

#### **Facilities for Vocational Education in Schools**

697. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:  
SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have finalised the Centrally sponsored scheme to provide vocational education and facilities in the schools in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed scheme;

(c) the manner in which the scheme will be implemented and by when; and

(d) to what extent the scheme is likely to benefit the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **UGC Honorarium to M. Phil and Ph.D students**

698. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission decided in 1984 to introduce a National level test for award of honorarium to M. Phil. and Ph. D. research scholars;

(b) whether an age limit of 25 years has been imposed recently;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this condition has affected adversely students from rural areas in getting honorarium; and

(e) if so, whether Govt. propose to review the said decision to restore the position which was prevalent earlier so that all the willing students could take the examination and compete for award of this honorarium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. In 1984, the UGC decided to conduct a National level test as a qualifying requirement for the award of junior Research Fellowships awarded by the Commission in different disciplines.

(b) and (c). The CSIR has also been conducting a similar test for the fellowships