

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard;

(c) whether due to delay in approving the project there is cost escalation of the said project; and

(d) the time by which Government would approve the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. A re-revised cost estimate for Rs. 14.58 crores has been forwarded by the Government of Maharashtra towards Ratnagiri (Mirkarwada) Fishing Harbour Project.

(b) A revised cost estimate for Rs. 11.07 crores was cleared by the Public Investment Board in August, 1986 against the original cost of Rs. 3.66 crores sanctioned in 1977. The Government of Maharashtra have not given proper justification for further increase in the cost in the re-revised estimate of Rs. 14.58 crores. The State Government have been informed accordingly.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### Setting up of Working Group for Deep Sea Harbour

1340. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have recently set up a working group to identify the location for a deep sea harbour on the North-West coast;

(b) whether the location of fishing harbour projects at Agariland in Raigad District is also under considered; and

(c) the details of the other locations likely to be considered on Maharashtra Coast for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) A group has been consti-

tuted to identify a suitable location along with North-West coast for the development of a deep sea fishing harbour.

(b) While exploring a suitable location on the North-West coast, the Group is also expected to consider the location at Agardanda in Raigad district.

(c) No other specific locations on the Maharashtra coast have been indicated to the Group.

#### Research Projects of the Indian Council of Historical Research

1341. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :

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

(a) the number of research projects sanctioned by the Indian Council of Historical Research as on 1 April, 1988 with break-up by year of sanction;

(b) the total amount spent on these projects up to 31 March, 1988;

(c) the number of fellowships awarded by the Council upto 31 March, 1988 with the total amount spent thereon and the number of research papers published by the fellows; and

(d) the number of national fellowships awarded by the Councils so far with number among them who have not yet submitted their final report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b). 117 research projects were sanctioned by the Indian Council of Historical Research during the last five years, i.e., from 1983-84 to 31st March, 1988. The year wise break-up is as follows :—

Year	Research Project
1983-84	10
1984-85	30
1985-86	30
1986-87	23
1987-88	24

The total amount sanctioned for the above projects upto 31st March, 1988 is Rs. 15,70,648/-.

(c) 495 fellowships were awarded by the Council during the last five years, i.e., from 1983-84 to 31st March, 1988. The total amount sanctioned for these fellowships upto 31st March, 1988, is Rs. 1,48,44,602/-. The information regarding the number of research papers published by the fellows is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) 5 national fellowships were awarded by the Council during the last five years, i.e., from 1983-84 to 31st March, 1988. None of these national fellows has completed the tenure of fellowship so far. The question of their submitting the final report does not arise at this stage.

#### Achievements of Primary Education

1342. SHRI MOHD. MAFOOZ ALI KHAN :  
PROF. RAMKISHNA MORE :

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

(a) the latest assessment regarding enrolment of children for primary education by the end of the Seventh Plan as against the target;

(b) the percentage of drop-outs at the primary level at the end of 1987 as compared to 1985 and 1986;

(c) the States which have not been able to achieve the targets of the primary education and what is the rate of drop-outs in these States; and

(d) the reasons for unsatisfactory performance of these States and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The target of the Seventh Plan was additional enrolment of 106 lakhs children in classes I-V. According to the midterm appraisal made by Planning Commission, this target is likely to be exceeded.

(b) and (c). According to the latest available information pertaining to 1982-83, the overall drop-out rate in the country at primary stage was 52.1%. Statewise details are given in the Statement below.

(b) The main reasons for unsatisfactory progress in most of the States are; socio-economic factors due to which many children remain unenrolled or dropout at an early stage; inadequately provided schools and inefficient teaching in schools, perception of the curriculum not being related to local needs; indifference of particularly first generation learners leading to non-utilisation of existing educational facilities etc.

The National Policy on Education, 1986 aims to achieve the objective of free and compulsory education for all children upto the age of 14 years by 1995. As advocated in the policy document, States have been advised to adopt an array of meticulously formulated strategies based on micro-planning to ensure children's retention in school and to achieve the target of Universalisation of Elementary Education. Accordingly, Centrally assisted schemes have been started to (i) provide essential facilities to primary schools through 'Operation Blackboard', (ii) strengthening and reorganisation of the non-formal education programme to provide education to school dropouts, children