

expenditure on this project upto June, 1988 is Rs. 502.06 crores (provisional) excluding the financing charges for the current year.

(b) M/s. Toyo Engineering Corporation Japan and M/s. UHDE GmbH, West Germany have since submitted their reports ;

(c) The rehabilitation of the Haldia Complex envisages an investment of Rs. 501.85 crores.

(d) No decision has been taken.

**Central Aid to Kerala for Promotion of Literacy**

2438. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend any aid to the State of Kerala for promoting literacy in that State ;

(b) the details of the districts in that State which are aiming at cent per cent literacy under this programme ;

(c) whether there has been any delay in disbursing funds for programmes to promote literacy in the State of Kerala during 1987-88 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the delay ;

(e) whether work on the operation Blackboard programme has commenced in Kerala ; and

(f) if so, the details of the progress made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the fourteen districts are aiming at cent per cent literacy.

(c) and (d). There was no delay in releasing funds to Kerala only. All the States/Union Territories including Kerala were given the first instalment on

19-3-1987, second instalment on 4-1-1988 and third instalment on 7-3-1988.

(e) and (f). An amount of Rs. 151.11 lakhs was sanctioned to Government of Kerala for provision of teaching and learning materials in 1467 Primary Schools under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard and the State Government has been permitted to utilise the funds till 31-8-1988. The State Government has mentioned that purchase of teaching/learning materials and construction of school buildings have been taken up.

[Translation]

**New Colleges in Delhi**

2439. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : SHRI RAM DHAN :

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

(a) whether seats in Delhi colleges have not been increased adequately in the past for imparting regular education to students, keeping in view the growing population every year in Delhi and expansion of education ;

(b) if so, the number of new regular colleges opened during the last three years ; and

(c) the number of seats provided in these colleges for Science and Commerce Streams ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) According to the information furnished by Delhi University the intake capacity of regular colleges in Delhi has been increased from 30219 seats in 1985-86 to 31802 seats in 1987-88.

(b) and (c) Two new colleges, viz., College of Physical Education and Sports and College of Business Studies, with an intake capacity of 50 seats each, have been opened during the last three years. In addition, a College of Arts and Commerce has also been opened during this period in place of G. D. Salwan College. The College has 60 seats each in B.Com. (Hons.) and