

schemes. Funds are released on the basis of progress of Achievement of Physical targets. During the first 3 years of the 7th Plan an amount of Rs. 125.29 lakhs was released to Orissa under Central Sector Plan Schemes. A statement is given below.

**Statement**

*Scheme-wise Release of Fund for Central Sector Plan Schemes During the Last Three Years for Orissa for taking steps to increase Fish Production*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount released in the first 3 years of 7th Plan
1. Motorisation of Traditional Craft	8.23
2. Introduction of Beach Landing Craft	21.50
3. Fish Farmers' Development Agency	61.04
4. Brackishwater Aquaculture	7.85
5. Fishing Harbour at Minor Ports	5.67
6. Fishing Harbour at Major Ports	21.00
<b>Total :</b>	<b>125.29</b>

[Translation]

**Adventurous Programmes for Children of Weaker Sections**

2445. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Education Directorate of Delhi Administration has chalked out this year many adventurous programmes for school children particularly for the children belonging to weaker sections ;

(b) whether the adventurous programmes also include excursion to hills and beautiful places for school children ;

(c) if so, whether such an adventurous programme is proposed to be introduced in various parts of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). School education is looked after primarily by the State/Union Territory Governments. The States and Union Territories have got different youth programmes which are carried out by them independently. However, the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports of Government of India operates a Scheme for Promotion of Adventure for youth in the age group 15—35 years under which request from State Government for financial assistance is considered on merit.

**Proposal for Change in Present System of Operation of Buses under DTC**

2446. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose ( )

bring about any change in the present system of operation of buses under the Delhi Transport Corporation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, how the ticketless travelling which has increased after the introduction of present system is proposed to be checked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). DTC has submitted to Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration proposals under which the operations of private buses could be considered as on independent STA permits on certain routes. A final view on this has not been taken so far.

(c) Various measures taken by DTC to check ticketless travel in its buses include intensification of checking by supervisory staff and Mobile Squads, deployment of advance bookers at major/important terminals and removal of conductors' seat with a view that he moves in the bus and issues the ticket to the passengers at their seats.

[English]

**Encouragement of Composed Companies for Acquisition of Ships**

2448. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage companies in the country for acquisition of ships ;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been approached to furnish future projections regarding additional requirements of off-shore supply vessels ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is no specific proposal to encourage composite companies for acquisition of ship. At present various composite companies are owning ships.

(b) and (c). Ministry of Petroleum and

Natural Gas has projected a shortfall of 13—17 Off-shore Supply vessels during the Seventh Plan period and 9-10 OSVs during the Eighth Plan period. The projections for the 8th Plan are tentative.

**National Highway Finance Corporation**

2449. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU : SHRI K.S. RAO :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to set up National Highway Finance Corporation to raise finance needed for modernising National and State Highways all over the country has been finalised ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The institutional arrangements for public borrowing for financing construction of National Highways in the country have not been finalised.

**GDR Assistance for Development of Water Transport System**

2450. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a three member delegation visited German Democratic Republic during May, 1988 ;

(b) whether German Democratic Republic has agreed to provide assistance for development of water transport system in India ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the agreement signed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During discussions, the Government of GDR has agreed in principle to assist India in Inland Water Transport