

- i) Research on Integrated Weed Management in Cropping Systems and mode of action of herbicides.
- ii) Ecological studies for mapping major weeds in different agroclimatic regions.
- iii) Studies on control of aquatic, perennial and parasitic weeds.
- iv) Developing and testing suitable implements for effective weed control.
- v) Developing suitable training and On Farm demonstration programmes.

The allocation of funds for the year 1989-90 is Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

#### **Modernisation of Public Sector Steel Plants**

3429. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to modernise the public sector steel plants;

(b) if so, the extent of foreign know-how involved in the modernisation programme, plant-wise; and

(c) the extent to which domestic capabilities are available to implement the modernisation programme and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foreign know-how involved in the modernisation programme is limited to

the design and manufacturing of sophisticated technological equipments and in supervision of erection and commissioning of sophisticated equipment for which capability is not available within the country. In Durgapur, such technical know-how is envisaged in Raw Material Handling System, Sinter Plant, reconstruction of Blast Furnaces, Basic Oxygen Furnaces, Continuous Casting and Rolling Mills. For Rourkela Steel Plant there is no foreign know-how involved under Phase-I of modernisation. For Phase-II of RSP modernisation and modernisation of Burnpur Works of IISCO and Bokaro steel Plant, the extent of foreign know-how would be known only after the packages are finalised.

(c) Depending upon the specific requirements of the projects indigenous know-how and capability is envisaged to be utilised for several items of work such as preparation of feasibility report, detailed engineering, equipment manufacture, and their commissioning, and civil, structural design and erection works.

#### **Hostels Facilities for Students in Delhi**

3430. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students taking admission in the various under-graduate colleges in Delhi University are facing accommodation problem; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to build more hostels in Delhi for the outside students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the number of seats available in College Hostels is 2,016. However, the demand for hostel

accommodation in the various under-graduate colleges is generally greater than the number of seats available in the hostels.

(b) The provision of hostel facilities is one of the important items included in the UGC's General Development Plan for Universities and Colleges. The Commission provides assistance to the extent of 50% and 75% towards the cost of construction of hostels for men and women respectively. During the VII Plan the University Grants Commission has approved assistance for construction of the following hostels in three Central Universities in Delhi:—

*Delhi University:—*

1. P.G. Women's Hostel
2. P.G. Boys Hostel
3. Boys Hostel (South Delhi Campus)

*Jawaharlal Nehru University:—*

1. 200 seated Girls Hostel
2. Extension of Poorvanchal Hostel
3. Married Research Schools Hostel

*Jamia Millia:—*

1. Girls Hostels
2. Boys hostel for 150 students (for completion).

In addition, the Commission has also agreed to provide assistance to the following Delhi Colleges for construction of hostels during the VII Plan:—

1. Daulat Ram College
2. Kamla Nehru College

3. Kirori Mal College.

### **Request for Central Assistance to Orissa State Road Transport Corporation**

3431. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has requested Union Government to provide Central assistance to improve the financial performance of Orissa State Road Transport Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be sanctioned therefor?

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

(b) The Capital contribution released by the Central Government to Orissa State Road Transport Corporation is given below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
1983-84	Rs. 126.800
1984-85	Rs. 250.208
1985-86	Rs. 197.492
1986-87	Rs. 200.000
1987-88	Rs. 157.6000 (This is subject to adjustments on receipt of audited accounts by Accountant General.)

No Central loan assistance for the the year 1988-89 has been made as OSRTC does not fulfil the prescribed criteria for such assistance.