

(a) whether Government are aware that many discrepancies were noticed in the survey of problem villages in Orissa State;

(b) if so, the result of re-survey conducted by the State Government; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of providing drinking water facilities to the re-surveyed problem villages of the State?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has informed that the total number of problem villages is 27077. There are discrepancies in arriving at this figure also.

(c) According to the State Government the cost of providing water supply to the remaining problem villages including those partially covered comes to about Rs. 68 crores.

#### **Purchase of Woollen Jerseys in Jawaharlal Nehru University**

5041. **SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9032 on 30th April, 1979 regarding alleged embezzlement of funds in the purchase of woollen jerseys in the Jawaharlal Nehru University and state:

(a) the findings of enquiry instituted into the matter; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the Inquiry Committee set up by the University observed that there was deviation from the prescribed purchase procedure of calling for tenders and that the price paid was slightly high, the wool being of comparatively inferior quality. However, the Inquiry Committee had no evidence

to show that in the purchase of the jerseys, funds had been embezzled.

Steps have been taken by the University to ensure that such deviations do not take place in future.

#### **Parity in pay scales of Officers of Central Universities**

5042. **SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9994 on 7th May, 1979 regarding parity in the pay scales of the officers of the Central Universities and state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to bring parity in the pay scales of the Section Officers of the Central Universities with that of their counterparts of the University Grants Commission; and

(b) place on the Table of the House a copy of the report of the Working Group, the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and the action taken by the University Grants Commission thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) and (b). On the recommendation of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, which considered the report of the Working Group set up by University Grants Commission on the question of upgradation of pay scale of certain posts in Central Universities, the Commission had recommended to Government the ungradation of the pay scales.

After careful consideration of the recommendation of the Commission, the Government regretted their inability to accept the proposal.

It is not considered desirable in public interest to lay a copy of the report of the Working Group set up by the Commission or the recommendations of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities which were of advisory nature and constitute an internal matter of the Commission.