

As regards the subsequent years i.e. 1973-74 and 1974-75, no estimates are at present available since the amount to be spent/houses to be constructed under different housing schemes is determined from the year to year in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Apart from above, Delhi Development Authority is also likely to incur an expenditure of Rs 22.48 crores during 1972-73 and Rs 26.53 crores during 1973-74 outside the Plan on construction of about 10,000 houses each year.

Advance Increments to persons holding Ph. D. Degree

799 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA
Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that many Universities have abolished the Scheme of giving advance increments to persons holding Ph. D. Degree;

(b) whether University Grants Commission are considering any proposal to issue directive to various Universities to grant few advance increments to persons holding Ph. D., and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) The position is being ascertained from the Universities

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The University Grants Commission are of the view that due to successive revision of the salary scales of college and university teachers, it is not necessary to grant such increments.

Mithila University

800. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA :
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA .

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given consent to open "Mithila University" at Darbhanga in Bihar, and

(b) if so, since when it starts functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) (a) and (b) The matter is under examination by the University Grants Commission.

Pilot Projects for Rural Development during Fourth Plan

801. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR . Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Centre has launched some pilot schemes such as the Small Farmers Development Agency, the Rural Works Programme in the chronically drought affected areas and also the Crash Programme for rural employment;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof, and

(c) whether the targets aimed at under these pilot schemes are likely to be fulfilled during the Fourth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) As all these schemes made a beginning very recently, it is too early to say that