

There is a firing range namely, Karjuna Kare, an acquired range located at Ahmednagar. Firing practices are carried out by the Army in this range. At such ranges, artillery and armoured gun shells and mortar bombs are fired which explode. In acquired ranges, there is a prescribed system for collection of metal scrap of fired ammunition.

(c) to (e). The right to collect the metal scrap of fired ammunition of Karjuna Kare range was sold to a contractor for Rs. 40,05,151/- for the period from 15.8.95 to 31.3.97. The money has been collected in full in advance.

[English]

#### Sopore Tullibal Bypass

1363. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of Sopore Tullibal bypass bridges in J & K has stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which this bridge is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The Central Government is primarily responsible for development of roads declared as National Highways. All other roads are the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The scheme for the construction of Sopore Tullibal bypass bridges in J & K does not fall on a National Highway and no such proposal has been approved.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Funds to Non-Hindi speaking States to promote Hindi

1364. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to such States during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The Department of Education is implementing the following schemes for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States :

1. Scheme of Appointment of Hindi teachers in non-Hindi speaking States and the scheme

of opening/strengthening of Hindi teachers training colleges in non-Hindi speaking States/UTs.

Under this scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to non-Hindi speaking States/UTs for the post of the Hindi teachers created with the prior approval of the Government of India. However, the assistance is given only for one Plan period and on the expiry of the Plan period, the responsibility for the maintenance of these teachers stands transferred to the concerned State Government/UT. Financial assistance released to the non-Hindi speaking States during the preceding 3 years is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

S. No. the State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. Orissa	320.00	289.28	174.15
2. Assam	145.15	189.79	125.06
3. Manipur	85.35	60.62	92.95
4. Mizoram	19.50	12.07	15.82
5. Andhra Pradesh	-	-	2.00
6. Nagaland	-	23.44	-
	570.00	575.20	409.98

2. Scheme of financial assistance to voluntary Hindi organisations for promotion of Hindi.

Under this scheme, financial assistance is given to the voluntary organisations for various activities for propagation and development of Hindi, e.g. conducting Hindi teaching classes, shorthand/typing classes, Hindi libraries, publication of brochures/magazines etc.

Financial assistance under the scheme is normally given to the extent of 75% of the total approved expenditure except in the case of construction/repair/expansion of buildings where the grant may be upto 60% of the approved expenditure or Rs. 50,000.00, whichever is less.

In addition, assistance for publications in Hindi is given to voluntary organisations and individuals. Individuals/voluntary organisations are also assisted by way of bulk purchase of Hindi books. The expenditure on these schemes during the last three financial years is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

1993-94	255.83
1994-95	254.27
1995-96	249.77
	759.87

Besides, awards are given to Hindi writers whose mother tongue is not Hindi on books originally written in