

The assistance is in the form of :—

- (i) Services of foreign experts ;
- (ii) Advanced training abroad for Indian personnel ; and
- (iii) Scientific and technical equipment.

(b) and (c). There are at present ten UNESCO experts working with NCERT, nine on the science education project and one on the workers' education project. For the science education project, UNESCO experts are assisting in the development of curriculum, in the prevention of instructional materials including textbooks, in the design and fabrication of laboratory apparatus, and in the training of teachers. The UNESCO expert for the workers' education project is assisting in the planning and development of the project including the training of Indian personnel.

Relationship between National Board for School Text-Books and National Council of Educational Research and Training

9940. SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) exact relationship that has been contemplated between the newly set up National Board for School Text-Books and the National Council of Educational Research and Training;

(b) whether the National Board itself will undertake production of books; and

(c) if so, whether the N. C. E. R. T. departments will cease to write books as at present ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) The National Board for School Text Books has been set up to advise on all matters relating to school text-books at national as well as State level. The NCERT will provide the necessary academic service to the Board, both in bringing up problems for discussion as well as in helping the national and State level organisations engaged in the scrutiny, approval and production of text books to implement the decisions taken by the Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Order for manufacture of ships in West Germany

9941. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have placed an urgent order on West Germany for the manufacture of ships;

(b) if so, the total value thereof; and

(c) whether a global quotation had been secured before placement of the order ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) :

(a) and (b). Government have not placed any orders for construction of ships in West Germany. They have, however, obtained during the year 1968-68 credit facilities from West Germany to enable Indian shipping companies to order ships upto a value of DM 100.78 millions to be built in West Germany.

(c) There is no question of Indian shipping companies obtaining any global quotations because the credit facilities referred to above are available for construction of ships in West Germany alone.

Signs in Urdu on Milestones on National Highways

9942. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether road signs and miles-stones on the National Highways which pass through areas inhabited by a sizeable Urdu-knowing population contain directions or information in Urdu also; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The re-

quisite information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Non-utilisation of Funds for Scientific Research

9943. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds provided for scientific research during the

last three years were not utilized in full ; and

(b) if so, the details of funds left unutilized by the various research establishments and the reasons for the poor utilisation ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO): (a) and (b). A statement in respect of research organisations under the Ministry of Education and Youth Services is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

1. Budget Grant and surrenders for the years 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69

Research Organisations	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69	
	Budget Grant (Lakhs)	Surrender (Lakhs)	Budget Grant (Lakhs)	Surrender (Lakhs)	Budget Grant (Lakhs)	Surrender (Lakhs)
1. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research	No	Surrender	1860.64	56.00	1997.00	173.38
2. Anthropological Survey of India	14.93	0.03	17.83	3.04	19.64	3.17
3. Zoological Survey of India.	No	Surrender	29.92	3.43	32.90	3.08

2. The main reasons for non-utilisation of funds are—

- (i) Slow progress of construction of staff housing and the buildings of the Cement Research Institute, the main laboratory building of the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, the International Hostel of the Central Food Technological Research Institute, the Branch Laboratory at Srinagar of the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu and the

Library Block of the Central Drug Research Institute. Lucknow, under C.S.I.R.

- (ii) Delay in the receipt of equipment from abroad for the pilot plants set up in the National Laboratories for scaling up the processes developed in the Laboratories.
- (iii) Savings in the provision made for the Scientists' Pool because of downward trend in the number of