

1	2	3	4	5	6
29.	Daman & Diu	21.44	1.19	20.25	5.55%
30.	Delhi	404.81	231.97	172.84	57.30%
31.	Lakshadweep	2.48	0.48	2.00	19.35%
32.	Pondicherry	94.14	81.64	12.50	86.72%
Total		207586.95	173372.90	34214.05	84%

Note: The unutilised funds are from out of funds sanctioned for Teaching Learning Equipments to State Governments mainly for upper primary schools during the last three years.

[English]

Construction Works in Goa

1282. SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction works are being undertaken under the Central Road Fund in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have released its share amount as part of the expenditure to be incurred on these works;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the said amount is likely to be released by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is one on-going work namely Construction of Verna-Rassain Road (Part-I) (Length 3 Km.) for an estimated cost of Rs. 97.40 lakhs with CRF share of Rs. 70.62 lakhs in the State of Goa.

(c) to (e) Funds are being released as per requirement of the project within the amounts accrued for the state under CRF.

Navigation facilities in major rivers

1283. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to expand navigation facilities during Ninth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During Ninth Five Year Plan, the focus would be mainly on the provision/upgradation of IWT infrastructural facilities i.e. navigational channel, IWT terminals with loading/unloading facilities and navigational aids on three existing National Waterways, namely, the river Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia, the river Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and the West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal canals. Development works on a few new waterways have also been proposed for commencement during this plan subject to availability of resources.

[Translation]

Diversion of Funds

1284. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments have diverted the funds meant for literacy campaign to other schemes and as a result thereof literacy campaign has not taken off; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Private participation in Power Generation

1285. SHRI D.S. AHIRE :

SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have outlined a time bound action plan for generation of power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) The draft Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) drawn up by the Planning Commission outlines a programme for generation of power. This includes :-

- (i) Restructuring of power sector to encourage private sector participation.
- (ii) Early completion of the on-going projects.
- (iii) Maximisation of benefits from the existing plants by improving the Plant Load Factor (PLF).
- (iv) Reducing the transmission and distribution losses.
- (v) Rationalisation of electricity tariff.
- (vi) Establishment of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) at Centre and State Electricity Regulatory Commission at State level.
- (vii) Demand Management and energy conservation measures by different end-users.

Fear of Earthquakes in North-East

1286. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of experts have feared that the North-Eastern states may face the danger of high intensity earthquakes in the near future.

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard with particular reference to educating the people about do's and don'ts in case of earthquakes; and

(c) the number of times North-Eastern states had earthquakes in recent past and intensities thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Sir, presently there is no scientific technique available anywhere in the world to predict the occurrence of an earthquake with reasonable degree of accuracy with regard to time, space and magnitude. However, according to seismic zoning map of India published by the Bureau of Indian Standards, North-Eastern states fall in zone V which is most vulnerable to earthquakes.

(b) The Bureau of Indian Standards has prepared a number of publications dealing with guidelines for

construction of earthquake resistant structures in different seismic zones. The Department of Science and Technology has supported public awareness activities in the region including publication of posters to educate people about do's and don'ts during occurrence of earthquakes. The Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment has also brought out publications/guidelines for promoting earthquake resistant, housing and building construction. In addition, Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment has recently brought out the vulnerability Atlas of India which provides statewide vulnerability maps, risk levels of the existing housing types in each district of the country and guidelines for strengthening of existing buildings to withstand the forces of earthquakes.

(c) Five earthquakes of magnitude 5.0 and above have occurred in North-Eastern India and its adjoining areas during this year till date.

Establishment of Universities

1287. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa had sent a recommendation to the Government of India for opening a new University in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to open a Rural University in Koraput;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the criteria adopted in this regard;

(e) the number of rural universities functioning in the country and the number out of them in Tribal Areas; and

(f) the number of proposals pending with his ministry for opening new rural universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) A proposal for establishment of a Tribal University in Koraput region of South Orissa was received by the Government of India. The proposal was considered but it was not found feasible to open the proposed university.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Universities are not classified as rural or urban. However, the following two universities have