

life & fisheries) as against that of the desired Category 'C' (drinking water source with conventional treatment followed by disinfection).

(c) A pollution abatement scheme for river Mahanadi and its tributary at Cutack has been approved by Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.59 crore.

[Translation]

More Funds to Universities

1295. SHRI RAMSHAKAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the funds allocated to different Universities during the last three years and till date are meagre in view of the increasing number of students in these Universities and their affiliated colleges;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide more funds to these universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (d) Central Universities are established by acts of Parliament and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the Central Government through UGC. State Universities are set up by the Acts of State Legislatures and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the respective State Governments. UGC provides only development grants to the eligible State Universities and Colleges, as per the prescribed norms, and that too, only for a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/agencies concerned to provide reasonable level of Plan and Non-Plan grants to the Universities/Colleges established by them. The grants provided by the Government to UGC for disbursement to the eligible universities and colleges have been steadily increasing over the years. The Government provided an amount of Rs. 921.24 crores as against a sum of Rs. 576.00 crores released in the 7th Plan.

[English]

Science Exhibition

1296. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his ministry had organised an exhibition viz. "India's Scientific Vision - Agrasar" in Delhi recently;

(b) If so, the approximate number of persons/students who visited the exhibition;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on it; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to organise such exhibitions in other parts of the country including the proposed locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About five lakhs

(c) About Rs. 68 Lakhs.

(d) The particular exhibition "Agrasar" was specifically developed in connection with the celebrations of 50 years of country's independence. Part of this exhibition would be made use of in other parts of the country, especially in exhibitions organised by the department of Science & Technology in the coming months. The first such occasion will be during the Indian Science Congress Session at Chennai in early January, 1999.

Cochin Ship Building Yard

1297. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cochin Ship Building Yard is earning profits for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ship built at this shipyard during the said period;

(d) whether this Yard has secured any order for building new ships recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last three years Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) have earned the following net profits :

Year	Rs. in crores
1995-96	18.46
1996-97	12.56
1997-98	31.72