

Benefit of Science and Technology Scheme for Women in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar

6039. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women benefited by the Science and Technology for Women Scheme in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the number and other details of the new projects approved by the Experts Committee under the said scheme and the amount sanctioned for this scheme in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The total number of women benefited by the Scheme on "Science and Technology for Women" in Madhya Pradesh is 828 and in Bihar, 905.

(b) Thirty eight projects were approved during 1989-90 for the States of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Orissa, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and Union Territories of Chandigarh and Delhi.

The objectives of these projects range from; studies on involvement of women in Science and Technology professions, to studies on ergonomics of women in construction industries; awareness programmes on water, health and sanitation; income generation projects relating to food processing, income generation projects relating to food processing, carpentry, leaf-cup-making, electronics, rope-making, sericulture, glazed pottery, biodynamic gardening, dairy farming and rural laboratory technology. A

project on design and development of mud pressure cookers was also funded.

The total financial outlay for the scheme during 1989-90 was Rs. 70 lakhs.

Titanium Dioxide Project in Kerala

6040. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation has been received from the State of Kerala for Central sanction and/or participation to set up a titanium dioxide project in the State; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Department of Atomic Energy has not received from the State of Kerala any request/application for Central sanction and/or participation to set up a Titanium Dioxide Project in that State.

(b) Does not arise.

Pollution Control in Rayon Industry

6042. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high-powered working group to evaluate the status of pollution control in the rayon industry has finalised its report;

(b) if so, whether the report has been submitted to the Union Government;