

(e) and (f). Does not arise.

[English]

**Clearance to Power and Irrigation
Projects of Rajasthan**

*561. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some power and irrigation projects proposed to be executed in Rajasthan are awaiting the approval of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the number of such projects sent by Rajasthan Government to the Planning Commission till the end of February, 1990;

(c) the number of projects approved by the Planning Commission for inclusion in annual plan of 1990-91 and also in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to give clearance to the rest of the projects?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No power project proposed to be executed by Rajasthan Government is pending with the Planning Commission for investment clearance. Two irrigation projects namely, Sidhmukh and Nohar proposed to be executed by the Rajasthan Government in the Eighth Five Year Plan are pending for investment clearance with the Planning Commission. Irrigation and power projects are not directly received from the State Governments in the Planning Commission for investment clearance. These are received from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources and the Department of Power respectively. Planning Commission has not given investment clear-

ance to any new irrigation and power project for annual plan 1990-91 of Rajasthan. The Eighth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan is yet to be finalised. The investment clearance of the above mentioned irrigation projects will depend upon the priority to be attached to such projects within the total resources available with the State for Eighth Plan and on the compliance of the prescribed requirements by the State Government.

[Translation]

Literature for Children

*562. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for preparation of literature for children with a view to making children good citizens by acquainting them with the splendid past and glorious history of India and for its development and promotion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the assistance of voluntary social organisations would be sought as are already working in this field?

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) to (c). Already a number of programmes are under implementation for preparation of literature for children with a view, inter alia, to making them good citizens by acquainting them with the history and great common cultural heritage of India and the value systems represented in it. Some of the relevant programmes which are in operation are as follows:

1. *Schemes for publication of books:*

The National Book Trust is stepping up its activities under the Nehru Bal Pustakalaya scheme for production of children's literature in different languages. These books are inexpensive, and in the choice of titles emphasis has been placed on Indian culture, the freedom movement, life and works of outstanding Indians and excerpts from the works of great Indian writers, along with other appropriate themes and subjects. Other organisations including NCERT and the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, also bring out suitable material for children.

2. *Operation Blackboard:*

Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, the Central Government provides a library of about 200 books in primary schools.

3. *Assistance to Voluntary agencies:*

Under the scheme for Innovative and Experimental projects of the Department of Education, assistance is being given to voluntary agencies, inter alia, for developing children's literature.

4. *Exploratory Scheme of NBT:*

The National Book Trust has introduced an exploratory Scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce books for children.

5. *Children Book Fairs, Seminar and Workshops:*

Children's Book Fairs, Seminars

and Workshops for those concerned in the production of children's literature are organised through the National Book Trust.

[English]

Sita Ram Bharatia Institute of Scientific Research

*564. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Sitaram Bharatia Institute of Scientific Research, Delhi;

(b) the extent of Government control over this Institute;

(c) whether the institute has framed any rules relating to appointment and other service conditions of its employees; and

(d) if so, whether these rules have been cleared by his Ministry or any other Ministry/ Department of Government of India?

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) Sitaram Bharatia Institute of Scientific Research is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act and is a private scientific research institute.

(b) This institute has been recognised as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation by the Ministry of Science and Technology (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) and its present recognition is valid upto 31.03.1992. As a private institution, Government does not exercise direct control over this Institute.

(c) Yes, Sir.