

- (i) Rural fuelwood plantation and afforestation.
- (ii) Soil, water and tree conservation in the Himalayas (Operation Soil Watch)
- (iii) Silvipasture schemes.
- (iv) Decentralised people's nurseries.
- (v) Intergated Wastelands Development Project
- (vi) Development of infrastructure for protection of forests from biotic interferences

In addition, there are State Sector Schemes for developing forest areas in Himachal Pradesh. Afforestation schemes are also taken up under programmes like National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

(b) The Central Assistance earmarked during the last three years is given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in Crores)</i>
1987-88	5.22
1988-89	6.02
1989-90	4.87

Recognition to Karnataka Universities

6101. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnata-

taka had requested Union Government to give recognition to some universities in that State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to recognise those universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M G.K. MENON): (a) to (c) According to the information given by the University Grants Commission, the Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal in July, 1989, requesting the Commission for declaring the Kuvempu University, Shimoga, fit to receive Central assistance under Section 12-B of the U.G.C Act. Since the proposal was incomplete and also not given in the prescribed proforma, the U.G.C. had requested the State Government/University to send a complete proposal in the prescribed proforma. The State Government has still not sent the proposal.

Scholarship for Study of Hindi

6102. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Post-Matric Scholarships for the study of Hindi by non-Hindi speaking students of Assam have been held up for the last two years or so;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the amount disbursed for Assam during the last two years and how many students of Assam received scholarships under this scheme during last two years?