

versity. After due examination it was felt that there was no such case.

[*Translation*]

Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund

*649. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by Government to the Welfare Fund for ex-servicemen during the last two years, State-wise:

(b) the amount spent therefrom and the approximate number of ex-servicemen benefitted thereby;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the allocation in the Welfare Fund for ex-servicemen, in view of the rising prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Central Government does not make allocations to the Welfare Funds for ex-servicemen maintained by the State Governments. The State Governments have a corpus of Special Funds for the welfare of ex-servicemen. The interest earned by the investment of such corpus funds is utilised by the State Governments to meet expenditures regarding the welfare of ex-servicemen. Proposals for the augmentation of the corpus of these Special Funds maintained by the States are considered and suitable assistance is released from the National Defence Fund, on the basis of equal contributions by the concerned State Governments. No such contributions have been made from the National Defence Fund during the last two years.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of answer

to (a) above.

[*English*]

Expenditure of Entrepreneurship Development Schemes

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expenditure has been incurred on various entrepreneurship development schemes under the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board in 1988-89;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the allocation during 1990-91; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

The total expenditure on various activities of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board amounted to a figure of Rs. 166.1 lakhs in 1988-89. This amount was spent on two major activities, namely, Entrepreneurship Training and associated activities (Rs. 101.60 lakhs), and support to Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs) (Rs. 64.50 lakhs).

(c) and (d). Yes Sir, the increase in allocation is due to greater emphasis on activities related to employment generation on a low cost basis. The total budget allocation for 1990-91 is Rs. 3.51 crores. The break-