

<i>Rupees in lakhs</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount of grant</i>
1	2
1987-88	86.52
1988-89	13.16
1989-90	41.30

(b) and (c). U.G.C. have invited proposals from all universities, including the Garhwal University, for assistance during the 8th Plan. According to the information furnished by UGC, the level of assistance during the 8th Plan would continue to remain at least at the same level as during the 7th Plan.

(d) and (e). The Garhwal University has been established under an Act of State Legislature, and as a matter of policy the Central Government does not convert State University into Central Universities.

Expansion of IRE Factory at Manavalakurichy

7752. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Indian Rare Earths factory at Manavalakurichy;

(b) whether the Rare Earths available there would be utilised by setting up factories in Kanyakumari District; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There is no proposal for expansion of the Indian Rare Earths factory at Manavalakurichy. A scheme for modernisation of the Mineral Separation Plant is however under implementation. The scheme

consists of setting up of a Concentrate Upgrading Plant (which has been commissioned in March, 1990) and modernisation of the existing plant by addition to and replacement of certain plants and machinery.

(b) There is no proposal of the Government to set up any new factories for processing beach sands in Kanyakumari District.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Grants to Ranikhet Cantonment Municipality for Construction Works

7753. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Ranikhet (Uttar Pradesh) Cantonment Municipality for providing grants for the various construction works;

(b) if so, the head-wise amount of grant demanded by the said municipality for the year 1990-91; and

(c) whether this amount has been sanctioned; and if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Requests for release of funds for road repairs, replacement of water supply distribution lines and augmentation of water supply were received during 1988-89 from the Cantonment Board. No request during the current financial year i.e. 1990-91 has been received so far.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Loans for Ex-Servicemen

7754. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: