

due to train, variable agro-climatic conditions, high unit cost of infrastructure and distinct socio-cultural features of the communities that inhabit hills. These difficulties constrain economic development and endanger eco-system. In order to strengthen and supplement the efforts being made by the concerned State Government the Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) was mooted by the Central Government. However, the responsibility of bringing about faster economic development rests with the concerned State Government. The districts of Chamoli, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakashi, Almora and Dehra Dun fall under the Hill Area development Programme.

(c) The Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised and hence it is not possible to indicate the allocations.

(d) and (e). The general approach that is currently being thought of in the Eighth Plan is to minimise a series of Special Area Development Programmes as in the Seventh Plan and have, instead, integrated development done on the basis of decentralised area planning by local bodies. In the hill areas, hill development will be the accent in local development. The Centre will continue to assist in providing sufficient technical and other inputs to local authorities in fragile areas to draw up and implement ecologically sound programmes of area development on a sustained basis. Special Central Assistance has been provided to the State Governments for their Annual Plan 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

Amount spent on new Education Policy

*459. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSHWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total amount spent by Government on new education Policy, 1986 so far?

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) Most of the programmes in the Central and State Governments, as well as in institutions and organisations connected with them were revamped in accordance with what was envisaged in National Policy on Education 1986 (NPE). The anticipated expenditure on schemes of Central and State Governments taken up in accordance with NPE is Rs. 6028 crore up to 1989-90. In addition, funds drawn from other budget heads, such as Rural Development, for construction of primary school buildings, have also been incurred.

[*English*]

Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*460. SHRI BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a regular Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan during December, 1989 to March, 1990; and

(b) if not, the reason for not filling the post?

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) and (b). By virtue of Rule 3 of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Rules, Prime Minister in his capacity as Minister in charge of Education and Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme was the Chairman. Subsequently, with effect from 19.3.1990, the Minister of State in charge of