

the qualifications of competent technical staff for the supervision of manufacture of drugs. These qualifications include non-pharmacy graduates also.

The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) recommended amendment of these Rules with a view to restricting the qualifications to a degree in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Following the publication of the draft notification, Government examined the objections put forth by various other interests, took the view that the qualifications should for the present, continue to be broad and dropped the proposal.

[English]

**Central Assistance for Vidisha-Ashoknagar Road in Madhya Pradesh**

\*513. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a proposal for assistance for strengthening and widening of Vidisha-Ashoknagar Road (about 160 kilometres) under the scheme of Central assistance for roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance; and

(b) if so, whether it has been included in the action plan for 1987-88 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Owing to meagre allocation earmarked under the Central Sector Roads programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan, it is not possible at present to render financial assistance to any State Road, including the Vidisha-Ashoknagar Road in question in Madhya Pradesh.

**Bhagirath Journal**

\*516. SHRI C.D. GAMIT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a delay in the publication of Bhagirath journal;

(b) whether its publication was also stopped for sometime; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure its timely and regular publication as also to bring about improvements ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The publication of the Bhagirath Journal is up to date.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Involvement of Voluntary Organisations to Promote Hindi in Non-Hindi Speaking Areas**

\*519. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of voluntary organisations engaged in teaching and propagation of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas of the country; and

(b) the details regarding the financial assistance given to such organisations by Union Government during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). The number of Voluntary Hindi Organisations and details of grant-in-aid given to them during the last three years are as under :

Year	No. of Voluntary Organisation	Amount of grant given
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1984-85	95	40.54
1985-86	108	46.80
1986-87	115	69.51