

villages. In the last three years 246 such schools have been opened. More of such schools are in the offing. Although admissions are based on merit 80% of the students are from villages. That is why these schools have a rural base and Kendriya Vidyalayas have an urban base.

Construction of a Bridge Over Chambal River in Morena District

*842. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand for constructing a bridge over Chambal river in Ambah Tehsil of Morena district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon by Union Government?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) to (c). On a proposal received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the construction of this interstate bridge on Chambal river at Pinhat ghat, Government of India after obtaining the consent of the Government of Madhya Pradesh to share the cost of the bridge, have given administrative sanction for its implementation etc. on 11.1.89 at an estimated cost of Rs. 523.70 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of construction of roads in dacoity infested areas.

[Translation]

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Mr.

Speaker Sir, I congratulate you, the hon. Prime Minister, and the hon. Minister for sanctioning the construction of a bridge over Chambal river in Ambah Tehsil of my constituency Morena in Madhya Pradesh. I congratulate the hon. Minister on behalf of the public of Morena district. I would only like to know from the hon. Minister as to when the tender for this project will be opened?

[English]

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: The work will be undertaken by the Government of U.P. and already we have released about Rs. 2.88 crores for this work and also for other works.

Assessment of Performance of UGC in Various Areas of University Education

*843. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study or assessment of performance of University Grants Commission (UGC) in various areas of university education;

(b) if so, the findings in this regard; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEVELOPMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c). The Government of India appointed a Committee in August, 1974 to review the functioning of the University Grants Commission with particular reference to coordination and determination of standards