

district/block with due regard to the felt needs of the rural community. To ensure durability of assets and to avoid taking up of katcha works, the ratio of non-wage expenditure under the programme has been raised to 50 per cent from 40 per cent. The ceiling of 50 per cent has also been made applicable to district as a whole instead of individual works as done earlier.

#### **Sugarcane Development Schemes**

\*955. SHRI K.A. SWAMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have initiated any sugarcane development schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on the development of sugarcane during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, is in operation only in the Union Territories of Goa and Pondicherry with total Central assistance. In addition, in the first year of the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-81), Central assistance was provided to sugarcane producing States for plant protection chemicals to boost the sugarcane production which had slumped to 1288.33 lakh tonnes in 1979-80.

(b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on sugarcane development in the Union Territories of Goa and Pondicherry provides assistance for demonstrations and training of cane development workers. For 1984-85, an amount of Rs. 2.40 lakh has been provided under this scheme.

#### **Financial Assistance to Agricultural Universities in Madhya Pradesh by I.C.A.R.**

\*956. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ICAR has given financial assistance to Agricultural Universities in Madhya Pradesh for establishment and construction work during the last three years;

(b) whether any new Agricultural University/Veterinary Institute or new Regional Stations and Centres are planned by ICAR in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been giving financial assistance to Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) during the last three years for development, including construction work, under the scheme "Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities". Financial assistance is also being given to the university under the 'National Agricultural Research Project' to strengthen its regional research capabilities covering construction work also.

(b) No new Agricultural University is proposed to be established in the State during the VI Plan. It is, however, proposed to establish a High Security Animal Disease Laboratory at Bhopal with United Nations Development Programme, assistance. It is also proposed to establish/strengthen four Regional Research Stations at Jabalpur, Jabalpur, Rewa and Indore under the National Agricultural Research Project.

(c) The High Security Animal Disease Laboratory is meant for conducting research work on such animal and poultry diseases which are exotic in nature. An officer of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar has already been appointed as officer-on-Special Duty to establish this laboratory.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Jabalpur has been requested to submit suitable proposals for strengthening/establishing the regional