

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) and (b). There has as yet been no relaxation of the general ban on the construction of high-rise buildings, barring a few cases where, in the public interest, specific relaxation of the ban has been permitted.

(c) The safety measures which have been laid down in the existing bye-laws of the local bodies have been provided in these high-rise buildings.

Neendakara Fishing Harbour, Kerala

***273 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have recommended some schemes relating to the fishing harbour at Neendakara for sanction under the Centrally sponsored schemes; and

(b) the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB P SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question regarding selection of the site is still under finalisation in consultation with the State Government. The Pre-Investment Survey of Fishing Harbour, Project of the Government of India has been requested to draw up the necessary project reports. After the project reports are received, the proposal will be examined on the basis of cost-benefit-ratio.

Promotion of Creative Talent in Universities and Colleges

***274 PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes for any awards/scholarships/financial

incentive for the promotion of creative talent, like awards for budding writers, among the teaching staff and students in the universities and its colleges in various national languages of India; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) The following schemes are being implemented by the University Grants Commission with a view to promote the creative talents in writing in Indian languages among the staff in the Universities and Colleges:

(a) Preparation of University Level Books in Indian languages by Indian Authors.

The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to outstanding senior academics and research scholars in Universities and Colleges and other Institutions of higher learning and research for the preparation of high quality books, monographs and reference material for use in universities and colleges. Outstanding teachers desirous of devoting full time over a period of one or two years for writing books may take leave from their positions without any loss of seniority, increments etc UGC will pay them a sum equivalent to their salaries and allowances with provision for increments and also a contingent grant of Rs. 2,000 per annum for secretarial and other assistance. Teachers who undertake this work in addition to their normal teaching and research responsibilities, will be given the services of a junior author on a fellowship of Rs 600 per month.

(b) Scheme for National Award of prizes to Indian Authors for original standard work of University Level Books in Indian Languages.