

**Development of Tribal Languages in the Country**

5015 DR A K ROY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have any plan for the development of Tribal language

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether there is scope of development of tribal dialects of Chotanagpur and Santhal Paragnas region in Bihar and

(d) if so, the steps taken 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) to (d) The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, is engaged in the task of development and promotion of tribal languages. The work consists of linguistic description, collection of folklore, preparation of instructional materials for primary schools and adult literacy programme and providing in service training to teachers and material producers for these languages and dialects. In respect of the tribal dialects of Chotanagpur and Santhal Paragnas of Bihar the Institute has prepared primers in Santhali, Mundari, Kurukh, Kharia and Ho in collaboration with the NCERT, phonetic reader and grammar in Mundari, grammar and dictionary in Ho and Bhumij, grammar in Malto. Work is in progress in preparing phonetic reader and grammar in Kurukh and grammar in Santhali.

**Expenditure on Nehru Centenary Celebrations**

5016. SHRI A VIJAYARAGHAVAN Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the total amount spent by Union Government for the Nehru Centenary Celebrations; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The total expenditure incurred by the Implementation Committee for the Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of India's Independence and the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary during the three years 1987-88 to 1989-90 was Rs 11,64 45 lacs

(b) Broad details of actual expenditure are as under

	<i>(Rupees in lacs)</i>	
Pay and Allowance	—	88 14
Office Expenses	—	239 09
Programmes and activities	—	837 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1164 45 Lacs</b>

**Cloud Seeding Technique for Meeting Water Scarcity Problem in South India**

5017 SHRI Y S RAJA SEKHAR REDDY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Hindu' dated the 17th March, 1990 under the caption 'Cloud seeding will help end water scarcity',

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, and

(c) whether Government propose to