

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The provisions made in the successive five-year Plans on Research and Development for Science and Technology have increased substantially. During the Seventh Plan as well adequate provisions are being made.

[*Translation*]

Irrigation and Land Reforms Schemes in Bihar

4633. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether review of the implementation of irrigation and land reform schemes of Bihar has since been started; and

(b) if not, the names of the projects in Bihar review of which has been started ?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHARY) : (a) Except the normal review and monitoring undertaken by the concerned Ministries, the Ministry of Programme Implementation has not started any specific review of the implementation of Irrigation and Land Reform schemes of Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance to States for Centrally Sponsored Schemes

4634. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the centrally-sponsored schemes for which Union Government are providing matching grant, that is, assistance on 50 : 50 basis, to the States;

(b) whether this formula applies to all the States uniformly; and

(c) if so, whether Union Government propose to change the formula of matching grant in regard to economically backward States by fixing 75 per cent as Central share and 25 per cent as State share with a view to remove regional imbalances and take a decision thereon and if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the various Ministries/Departments and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

[*English*]

Road Development Plan for West Bengal

4635. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sixth Five Year Road Development Plan for West Bengal covering the period 1980-85 was finalised with an outlay of Rs. 90 crores of which approximately Rs. 60 crores was to be spent for construction of rural roads and that it was proposed to construct 1500 kms. of roads and a number of major bridges during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actual achievements/utilisation of plan allocations in physical and financial terms as compared to the target/outlay during the Sixth Plan period; and

(d) the performance of West Bengal as compared to the performance of other States in the matter of implementing the Sixth Five Year Road Development Plans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The Sixth Five Year Plan of West Bengal had a provision of