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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Society called `Asian Health, Environment and Allied Database (AHEAD)` was registered on 12 August 1994 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi;

(b) whether IDRC is associated with the formation and activities of AHEAD society;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether IDRC provided/providing grant for the activities of AHEAD; and

(e) if so, the amount of grant provided to AHEAD Society by IDRC during the last five years from 1994-95 onwards, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b):Yes Sir.

(c)&(d):The IDRC funded and supported the AHEAD project, of which NISCOM was the lead organisation, with the aim of disseminating scientific information available with some database owners of the Asian region on the CD-ROM medium.

(e) :A sum of CAD \$ 6,50,000 was to be received over a period of six years.However,the actual grant received during the period 1994-97 is as follows :

Year	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1994-95	Direct receipt from IDRC	1866281.00
	On behalf of AHEAD	2183404.46
	4049685.46	
1995-96	Direct receipt from IDRC	3027772.75
	Payment to other Orgn.	
	On behalf of AHEAD	861839.16
	3889611.91	
1996-97	Direct receipt from IDRC	2884935.00
	Payment to other Orgn.	
	On behalf of AHEAD	197671.00
	2982606.00	

Of the total amount received NISCOM returned Rs.20,15,902.79 plus US\$ 43,008.93to IDRC in January 2000after it resigned from AHEAD in ctober, 1999.