

**Allocation to Bihar**

6969. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to Bihar by the Planning Commission during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount utilised for the development of backward areas of the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Outlay for the current Five Year Plan of Bihar has not been finalised so far.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Employment to Ex-Servicemen of Bihar**

6970. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any policy to provide employment to ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the number of ex-servicemen

of Bihar provided employment by the Union Government and the State Government during the current Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether Union Government has issued any directions in this regard to Bihar Government in the beginning of the current Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, whether Government contemplate to issue such directions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). Ex-servicemen have been granted concessions in age, relaxation in educational qualifications etc. for re-employment under the Government. Further, there is reservation of 10% in Group 'C' and 20% in Group 'D' posts in Central Government Offices and 14 1/2% in Group 'C' and 24 1/2% in Group 'D' posts in the Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks for ex-servicemen. Several State Governments have also made reservations of varying percentages of jobs for ex-servicemen.

Even though there is no reservation of jobs for ex-Servicemen in Bihar State, ex-Servicemen have been provided jobs in the State in different sectors, the details of which for the last 5 Years (1985-86) are as under:

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Central Govt.	204	22	136	96	71
Central Govt. PSUs	419	615	122	184	265
State Govt.	99	474	60	18	68
State Govt. PSUs	36	53	8	7	18
Local Bodies	8	37	1	12	5
Private Sector	96	151	43	19	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>1552</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>462</b>

(c) and (d). No specific directions to the State Government of Bihar have been given in this regard. However, the need to provide employment to as many ex-Servicemen as possible and making reservations in jobs in their favour (if not done already) has been impressed upon various State Governments, including the Government of Bihar from time to time.

(e) No, Sir.

#### **Operation Black Board Programme in Rajasthan**

6971. SHRIGULABCHAND KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided by Union Government to the state of Rajasthan under the Operation Black board programme;

(b) whether most of the schools in Rajasthan are without buildings, black boards and tat-patties and most of such schools are in the Adivasi areas; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the condition of these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The following amounts have been released to Rajasthan under the scheme of Operation Blackboard:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1987 - 88	Rs. 1175.55
1988 - 89	Rs. 1123.68
1989 - 90	Rs. 1568.63

(b) and (c). According to information furnished by the State Govt., there are 27014 primary schools in the State, of which 2091 are buildingless and 5104 have only one room.

Almost all schools require essential teaching learning equipment including black-boards and tat-patties. Action is being taken to cover all primary schools under Operation Blackboard and provide them with at least two teachers, a all weather two room building and a set of essential teaching learning equipment including maps, charts, black-boards, tat-patties, a small library, games equipments etc. 17198 schools have been covered under the scheme in 1987-88 and proposals for covering the remainder are being taken up.

[English]

#### **Progress on 'ARJUN' Tank**

6972. SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU: SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the press report appearing in Times of India dated 6 April, 1990 under the caption "MBT project runs into rough weather";

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the latest stage of development and progress on 'Arjun', the main battle tank;

(d) the date by which it is expected to commence production as per the original specifications; and

(e) the main reasons identified to be the causes of delay in the project's progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report published in the newspaper is based on dis-information and contains a number of gross inaccuracies. As the project is of sensitive nature, it will not be proper to discuss its details in order to contradict these inaccuracies. However, it needs