

Nadu are given as per enclosed statement. (see below)

(Rs. in Lakh s)

Year	Amount		
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
1991-92	1.00	—	1.00
1992-93	20.00	—	20.00
1993-94	73.00	4.00	77.00

(c) while deciding on the establishment of the Institute, a Working Group was formed to go into various issues relating to the Institute. No fresh assessment of the functioning of the Institute has been done as it is in the process of finalising its programmes to be conducted on a regular basis.

STATEMENT

The objectives of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development are as follows:

(1) To function as a Resource Agency and Think-Tank for Youth Programmes, policies and implementation strategies.

(2) To develop multifaceted programmes for youth, keeping in view the social harmony and national unity as the ultimate objective.

(3) To grow and develop as a facilitator and nodal agency for youth training, youth work and youth development in the country for rural as well as urban youth.

(4) To function as an Institute of advanced learning in the field of youth and to develop such professional excellence as may be required for the purpose.

(5) To develop its programmes aimed at inculcating as sense of national pride, an awareness of national goals and values among the youth workers.

(6) To develop new ideas and innovative programmes for motivating and creating a committed cadre of youth workers and functionaries.

(7) To promote and conduct basic as well as applied research and evaluation studies in youth development and through this provide necessary thrust to youth programmes on systematic and scientific lines.

(8) To function as a Centre for documentation information and publication pertaining to youth development.

(9) To provide institutional training for the personnel working in the field of youth.

(10) To promote appropriate youth extension projects and services which can function as laboratory on youth work.

(11) To link its programmes and functions to the promotion of the National Youth Policy.

OPERATION BLACKBOARD SCHEME IN GUJARAT

3373. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI BHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Operation Black Board Scheme is proposed to be expanded in some educationally backward districts or

Gujarat particularly of Saurashtra region during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated to Gujarat State, District-wise therefor during 1993-94 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Government have taken a decision to expand the scheme during the 8th plan so as to provide 3 rooms and 3 teachers in about 36 per cent primary schools where enrolment exceeds 100 and to extend the scheme to about 10 per cent Upper Primary Schools and the schemes would be launched from 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively when all the schools in the Country including Saurashtra region would be taken up for coverage in a phased manner. The schemes, however, could be launched earlier and coverage enhanced depending on the availability of funds.

Central assistance will consist of salary of additional teacher during the VIIIth plan and for equipment for upper primary schools. Construction will be the State Governments responsibility.

(c) Nil, By the end of March 93, all the schools in Gujarat have been covered under the ongoing OB scheme. Therefore there is no proposal of State Govt. of Gujarat pending for release of funds during 1993-94. The expanded OB programme is being formulated. No amount has been allocated for this purpose yet.

IMPROVEMENT OF WOMEN'S LOT

3374. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAARC Health Ministers' Conference held at Kathmandu have

demanded for improvement of women's lot;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these suggestions; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : (a) and (b) The Kathmandu Resolution which was adopted at the SAARC Ministerial Conference on Women and Family Health held at Kathmandu from November 21—23, 1993, made a number of declarations. They include raising the age of marriage, quality family planning services, increase in the number of institutional deliveries, universal literacy among girls, reduction of maternal mortality, infant mortality and child mortality rates, reduction of maternal anaemia and iodine deficiency, reduction in the number of babies born with low birth weights, promotion of breast-feeding, reduction in the level of malnutrition among children, adolescent, pregnant and lactating women, increase in the contraceptive prevalence rates, promotion of birth spacing, reduction in the incidence of unsafe abortions and prevention of infanticide and foeticide. The Ministers also called upon to bring strong political commitment to empower women and improve their status in the society, promote female literacy and education and skill development for income generation to strengthen their earning capacity.

(c) and (d) Towards continuous improvement in raising the status of women, in addition to enabling constitutional provisions, a number of legislative measures,