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2	Asha Niketan, Bhopal.	49,019/- 1,25,000/-	for purchase of furniture for Physically Disabled Deptt. for construction of building
3	M.P. Welfare Association for the Blind, Indore.	15,714/-	for Placement Services
4	Marian Society, C-Block, Private Sector, E-6, Arera Colony, Bhopal.	55,472/-	for equipment & furniture for the deaf.
5	Welfare Association for the Disabled, Indore.	32,000/- 43,465/-	for Office Management for Placement Services.
Total :		6,73,908/-	

Freezing of Grants by U.G.C.

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SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that freezing of grants imposed by the U.G.C. has caused a major resource crunch in all the Central Universities;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and the reasons for the freeze;

(c) whether the Central Universities have introduced any austerity measures to cope with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Universities are fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grants Commission (UGC). A major share of UGC's Non-Plan budget is made available to Central Universities and Delhi Colleges for their maintenance expenditure. Keeping in view the

present constraint on the availability of financial resources Government has decided to maintain the level of Non-Plan expenditure of all Ministries/ Departments and autonomous bodies during 1992-93 at the level of last year. This has imposed resource constraints on UGC as well as Central Universities.

The Minister of Human Resource Development held consultations with Chairman, UGC and Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities to consider measures to mitigate the financial difficulties being faced by them. On the basis of these consultations, the UGC have withdrawn the Commission earlier orders of freezing the maintenance grants.

(c) and (d) During March-April, 1992 UGC held a series of consultations with Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, and Finance Officers of Central Universities and Principals of Delhi Colleges to cope with the situation. The economy measures identified in these meetings include reduction of expenditure on telephones, electricity, transport, water, stationery, etc. to the extent of 20 per cent. Curtailment in expenditure on hospitality, travel, study leave, teaching and non-teaching posts, etc.