

(b) by when each incomplete scheme is likely to be completed and what would be its total cost on completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILA-MANI ROURAY): (a) and (b) A statement is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 108]

#### Amount spent on LCA Project

3189. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that L.C.A. Project has become a white elephant for Government;

(b) the money spent on LCA Project so far;

(c) the amount earmarked in the current financial year;

(d) whether there is any proposal to review the entire project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 300 crores has been spent as on Mar. 90.

(c) A sum of Rs 140 Crores has been allocated for the LCA project in the current financial year.

(d) the LCA project has been reviewed this year.

(e) The General Body of ADA has recommended undertaking of Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) in a phased manner. In Phase I, two LCA core technology demonstrator platforms are to be built and flight tested with the unstable configuration, digital fly-by-wire control and composite wings. Other technologies would be developed and tested, in parallel, on rigs, simulators etc. In Phase 2 the GTX 37 engine is expected to be integrated with the proven technologies of

Phase I in more vehicles for extended trials.

#### Justification for charging profession tax from teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3190. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is justification for charging profession tax from Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers posted in different states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): Profession tax is being charged from all employees including these of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in some of the States as per the statutory provisions of the State Government.

#### Prices of stationery articles and exercise books

3191. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by what percentage according to the assessment, if any, done by Government, the prices of stationery articles and the exercise books for school going children have risen during the last six months;

(b) whether Government are aware of the virtual stoppage of supplies of quota entitlement to the exercise book manufacturers by the Hindustan Paper Corporation;

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the prices of stationery articles and exercise books and to make free available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The

main in-put for stationery articles and the exercise books is the paper. According to information available, prices of white printing paper have increased by 3.5 per cent during the last six months.

(b) The supply of paper by the Hindustan Paper Corporation has been behind schedule due to certain difficulties faced by the Corporation such as spurt in the cost of production and natural calamities.

(c) and (d) The Government have in the meanwhile allowed some increase in the level of subsidy to meet the price increase. Department of Education has also issued instructions to the Corporation to put in all possible efforts to effect supplies as per allotments made by Department of Education.

#### **Construction of Hostel for Orissa Students at Delhi**

@3191-A. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested for allotment of a site for construction of a hostel building for Oriya students studying in different universities and colleges located at Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### **Gap between Urban and Rural Unemployment**

@@3191-B SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

@Previously Unstarred Question 2683 transferred from the 31st August, 1990.

(a) whether the magnitude of poverty and unemployment in urban areas is smaller in comparison to that in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether a significant proportion of the urban unemployed who are educated, present a special set of problems;

(c) if so, what are the steps Government have taken so far to reduce the gap between the urban and rural unemployment; and

(d) whether any action plan has been prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The magnitude of poverty, as reflected in the poverty ratio has been less in urban areas than in rural areas. However, the unemployment rate for urban areas has been higher than that for rural areas. Absolute magnitude of unemployment is, however, high in rural areas because of larger population. The Comparative incidence of poverty and unemployment for the year 1987-88 is given below:

#### *Poverty and Unemployment in Rural and Urban Areas 1987-88(%)*

Poverty Ratio		Unemployment Rate*	
Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
32.66	19.45	3.07	6.56

\*Usual Principal Status

@@Previously unstarred Question 2778 transferred from the 31st August 1990.