

Karnataka-Maharashtra boundary dispute

2260. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made by Central Government for the settlement of Karnataka-Maharashtra Boundary Dispute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) This boundary dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka. Recently the Chief Ministers of the two States met and held discussions. The Central Government will render all possible assistance to the States to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution of the dispute.

Preparing ex-servicemen for self-employment

2261. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a scheme in the country for preparing ex-servicemen for self-employment;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Government have since started giving training to the ex-service men for self-employment;

(d) if so, what are the names of the districts where training Centres have been opened, with details of trainees, Centre-wise; and

(e) what is the number of ex-service men benefited by this scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) A scheme for

Preparing Ex-servicemen for Self-Employment has been in operation since September, 1983.

(b) The Scheme had been in operation as a Pilot Project from September 1982 to March 1986 and was fully financed by the Centre. From 1st April, 1986 the Scheme is being implemented as a Centrally sponsored scheme and the cost is being shared equally between the Central and State Governments.

The main objectives of the scheme is to impart vocational training to retired service personnel so that they can engage themselves in self-employment ventures nearer their homes in rural areas. The scheme is mainly intended for Ex-servicemen below Officers rank. Trades like horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, fishery, small scale industry (handloom, handicrafts, cottage industries), Electronics, etc., have been identified for training in Districts where the scheme is in force. The duration of training varies from 1 month to 4 months depending upon the nature of training. For proper implementation of the scheme, there is a District Coordination Committee comprising Deputy Commissioner, Collector of District, ADM (Development) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Lead Bank Officer and Secretary, Zila Sainik Board. Ex-servicemen undergoing training are paid a stipend of Rs. 250/- p. m. to meet the boarding and lodging expenses and Rs. 25/- p. m. travelling allowance during the period of training in completion of training, they are provided guidance and assistance for preparing a project report of their units by the General Manager, District Industries Centre and Secretary, Zila Sainik Board, The District Coordination Committee also assists them in securing loans upto Rs. 25, 000 from Banks on the basis of Project Report without collateral security/third party guarantee. A subsidy of 33 per cent on the loans sanctioned, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3, 000 is being provided to such loanees.

(c) to (e) Under the Scheme, training of Ex-servicemen for preparing them for self-employment was started in September,

1983. Till 31st March, 1986, the scheme was in operation in six districts as a Pilot Project. The names of the States,

Districts and the number of personnel trained till 31st March, 1986 are given below; —

Sl. No.	State	District	No. of Ex-servicemen trained
1	Punjab	Patiala	396
2	Haryana	Narnaul	309
3	Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu	249
4	Uttar Pradesh	Basti	198
5	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	222
6	Tamil Nadu	North Arcot	173
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The scheme has been introduced in 8 more districts in the country with effect from 1st April, 1986. These are Amritsar in Punjab, Bhiwani in Haryana, Jaipur in Rajasthan, Gazipur in U. P., Hamirpur in H. P., Trivandrum in Kerala and Chittor in Andhra Pradesh. The District in Manipur, where the scheme is to be introduced in 1986, is yet to be identified.

A total of 1547 Ex-servicemen personnel have been trained from the inception of the scheme till 31st March, 1986. Out of these, 432 Ex-servicemen have started self-employment ventures and 90 have secured salaried employment after training so far. More Ex-servicemen are likely to start their own units after obtaining bank loans.

Fear of earthquake in Dhemaji area of Assam

2262. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

- ^ (a) whether the people of Dhemaji area in Lakhimpur District of Assam, are in a state of great terror and panic in apprehension of a devastating earthquake during the middle part of 1987, like the one in 1950;

(b) whether some senior scientist of the National Power Commission, Pune had predicted this earthquake in Dhemaji area in one of his scientific papers, the news of which was widely published in Assam newspapers;

(c) whether these findings were properly evaluated by the top seismologists of Government before making it public through newspapers; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to dispel the sense of terror and panic from people's mind in Dhemaji area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) North Eastern Council has referred to the forecast of a Scientist of Central Water Power and Research Station (CWPRS) Pune about the possibility of an earthquake during the middle part of 1987 in Dhemaji area stated that this forecast has created a lot of panic in the public mind in this area.