

not give scholarships to all the scheduled caste students who applied during the year 1971-72;

(c) whether Government of India propose to give scholarships to the

economically backward students who are unable to meet their expenses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount provided for Post-matric scholarships to		
	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	Other Economically Backward Classes
1967-68	428.71	104.97	75.96
1968-69	548.59	114.03	75.96
1969-70	62.29	30.25	..
1970-71	197.22	33.15	..
1971-72	317.51	65.15	..

The Pre-Fourth Plan amount of expenditure (Upto 1968-69) is now the committed expenditure of the States. The contribution of the Government of India from 1969-70 is in addition to this committed expenditure.

(b) No such complaint has been received.

(c) No Sir, Scholarships to the economically backward classes are given by the State Governments from the beginning of the Fourth Plan.

#### WATER FACILITIES TO RURAL AREAS

1499. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various grants given to the States to provide water facilities in rural areas; and

(b) what are the amounts state-wise given during the last plan and during the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and would be laid down on the Table of the House.

#### CRASH PROGRAMME FOR SPRAYING INSECTICIDES FROM HELICOPTERS

1500. DR. V. B. SINGH :

DR. M. R. VYAS :

SHRI CHAKRAPANI SHUKLA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a programme, crash or otherwise for setting up a network for spraying insecticides on the block level;

(b) if so, the estimated number of helicopters needed for the purpose; and

(c) what arrangements are being made to manufacture them with indigenous components?