

Government of India to International Conference on Ageing?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Indian Federation on Ageing has proposed to hold a Global Conference on the ' Changing Status and Emerging Roles of Elderly in the 21st Century from 30th September 1992 to 2 October, 1992.

(b) Government of India is assisting some voluntary organisations for the welfare of the aged.

(c) A grant of Rs. 1 lakh has been sanctioned for organising the Conference.

Pending Pension Case of Freedom Fighters

1617. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN:
SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who

have sought Central Government pension, State-wise;

(b) the number of claims rejected and the number of claims accepted after verification and claims of Freedom fighters pending as on September 30, 1991, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in disposing of the claims of the freedom fighters; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to dispose of pending claims and the likely date thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b). A tabular statement is attached.

(c) and (d). All the claims for freedom fighter pension received under the Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, before the prescribed date i.e. 31.3.82, have been disposed of. The pending claims relate to applications received recently. Efforts are made to dispose them of at the earliest.

STATEMENT

Statement showing State-wise break up of applications received, pension sanctioned, rejected and pending applications as on 30.9.91.

Sl. No.	Name of States/ U. Territories	Applications received	No of pension sanctioned.	Rejected	Applications pending
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Assam	26,886	4319	22494	73
2.	Andhra Pradesh	39,133	10271	23259	5603
3.	Bihar	1,15,171	24228	90590	353
4.	Gujarat	6,838	3525	3195	118
5.	Goa	3,357	876	2470	11
6.	Haryana	6,287	4327	1918	42
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4,179	1838	2292	49
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	10,735	2136	8573	26
9.	Karnataka	20,448	9984	8799	1665
10.	Kerala	52,470	4346	48066	58
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4,747	3397	1350	—

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1.	2	3	4	5	6
12.	Maharashtra	39,748	17053	21964	731
13.	Manipur	688	230	458	—
14.	Meghalaya	159	91	68	—
15.	Mizoram	8	8	—	—
16.	Nagaland	22	4	18	—
17.	Orissa	15,936	4629	11249	58
18.	Punjab	29,764	10881	18845	38
19.	Rajasthan	5,097	1315	3749	39
20.	Tamil Nadu	22,521	8126	14300	95
21.	Tripura	3,463	882	2565	16
22.	Uttar Pradesh	40,181	21689	18393	99
23.	West Bengal	79,135	21932	57193	10
24.	Chandigarh	152	86	55	11

Sl. No.	Name of States/ U. Territories	1	2	3	No of pension sanctioned.	4	5	6
				Applications received			Rejected	Applications pending
25.	Delhi			5,321	2759		2514	48
26.	Pondicherry			1,918	307		1594	17
27.	A & Islands			98	44		47	7
28.	Arunachal Pradesh			41	2		39	—
				5,34,503	159285		366057	9161

Regional T.V. Services in States

1767. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether regional T.V. service has been introduced in some States recently;

(b) if so, the features of the service;

(c) whether the regional T.V. service will benefit the States in North Eastern region;

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

(e) whether Government propose to provide similar regional T.V. service in other States of the country in future; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRUA VYAS):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Satellite-derived regional TV service was introduced in the States of Orissa and West Bengal recently so as to enable all the TV transmitters in these States to relay regional service programmes of Doordarshan Kendras at Cuttack and Calcutta respectively.

(c) and (d). Whereas Assamese news bulletin for a duration of 15 minutes is at present relayed via satellite by all the TV transmitters in Assam, satellite-derived regional service for relay of regional programmes in the States of North Eastern region is planned to be introduced during VIII Plan subject to availability of requisite space segment and adequate resources for the purpose.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. Regional Service is envisaged to be provided in other States

depending upon future availability of adequate space segment and allocation of necessary funds by the Planning Commission.

Privatisation of Telecom Network

1768. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to privatise the Telecom Network in the Metropolitan Regions; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy contemplated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Scarcity of Non-Commercial Fuels

1769. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific estimates exist of the demand for cooking fuel in domestic sector, and has any policy been laid down for its production and distribution, particularly in the context of shortage of wood and environmental concerns;

(b) whether any estimates exist of the fuel consumption of cowdung, fire-wood, charcoal, and other vegetable Wastes in the rural areas;

(c) whether there is an acute scarcity of these non-commercial fuels used in the domestic sector; and

issued regarding the singing of the National Song.

[*Translation*]

Preservation of Arabic & Persian Literature

*171. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the institutions set up for preserving Arabic and persian ancient literature and records, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government provide adequate financial assistance to these institutions;

(c) whether the Government have received any offer of financial assistance in this regard from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Rampur Raza Library in Uttar Pradesh and the Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library in Patna Bihar are the two institutions which are preserving Arabic and Persian literature and records and are Funded fully by the Government of India. There are other institutions either under the control of the State Governments or managed by private organisations preserving Arabic and Persian literature are records.

(b) The Rampur Raza Library and the Khuda Baksh Library are fully funded by the Government of India. Applications received from other institutions are financed adequately under the existing scheme by the National Archives of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Meeting of Population Growth

*172. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convene a meeting of adherents of different religions to discuss the need to control population growth and seek their co-operation to achieve the goal;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be convened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR):

(a) to (c). The National Family Welfare Programme is being implemented with the willing participation of different sections of our society. It is our endeavour to impart greater thrust and communication efforts. With this objective, a Draft Action Plan has been formulated in consultation with the representatives of the State Governments/UTs Administration, which also highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the programme. As the Family Welfare Programme is to be made a mass movement, cooperation of all sections of society, including religious leaders, leaders of political parties, leaders of social organisations etc. would be sought for implementation of this Action Plan.

Ex-Gratia Pension to Retired Railway Employees

*173. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the District</i>	<i>Literacy Rate</i>
1	2	3
37.	Rae Bareli	23.08
38.	Saharanpur	21.44
39.	Shahjahanpur	21.44
40.	Sitapur	19.44
41.	Sultanpur	22.44
42.	Tehri Garhwal	27.89
43.	Unnao	25.28
44.	Uttar Kashi	28.92
45.	Varanasi	31.85

N.B. Based on 1981 census Reports.

[English]

**History Teacher in Kendriya Vidyalaya,
Moscow**

1967. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
GANGWAR:
SHRI MUHIRAM SAIKIA:

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

(a) whether there is no Post Graduate
Teacher of History in Kendriya Vidyalaya,
Moscow since 1987;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the time by which the post is likely to
be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN
SINGH): (a) to (c) A post of PGT (History)

was normally admissible to Kendriya
Vidyalaya, Moscow but the same was not
filled up by the posting of any regular teacher
because of non-availability of residential
accommodation. The concerned teacher
Shri. H.L. Sonar can be posted on the confir-
mation of availability of residential accom-
modation for him by the Indian Embassy,
Moscow.

Family Planning operation

1968. SHRI SOBHANADRESSWARA
RÃO VADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to
provide further monetary incentive to Gov-
ernment employees undergoing Family
Planning Operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to introduce any scheme for the popularisation of one child norm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the incentives proposed to be given in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA: (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to provide further monetary incentive to government employees undergoing family Planning Operation.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to introduce any scheme for the popularisation of one child norm.

Encouragement to Indigenous Games in Districts

1969. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to include indigenous games like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho in the districts sports scheme:

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Indigenous games like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho are already covered under various

schemes being operated by the Department of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sports Authority of India. These disciplines are included in the All India Rural Sports Tournament Programme, Women Sports Festival programme and the Scheme of SPDA.

Purchases of wagons from private companies

1970. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to purchase wagons from the private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether global tenders are being invited for the same; and

(d) the criteria adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Wagons are being purchased from 11 industries, of which 5 are in private Sector.

(b) Details of the Private Sector units are given below:-

- i) M/s. Cimmco Limited, Bharatpur.
- ii) M/s. Hindustan General Industries Ltd. Nangloi, Delhi .
- iii) M/s. Modern Industries, Sahibabad, U.P.
- iv) M/s. Texmaco Limited, Calcutta.
- v) M/s. Hindustan Develop-

approach by State Government of Orissa for transfer of Letter of Intents for the Keonjhar (applied for change of location of Balasore), Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi Projects in favour of Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited, Orissa Sugar Limited, Ponni Sugars Limited and Western India Sugar and Chemicals Limited respectively.

(b) whether there is a request for transfer of L.I. in favour of the above companies with 1 per cent equity participation by IPI-COL instead of 26 per cent of equity participation stipulated in the L.I., and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of the 4 cases, Ministry of Food has already recommended for transfer of Letters of Intent issued to Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa Limited (IPICOL) for setting up of new sugar factories at Nawarangpur, District Koraput, Bolangir, District Bolangir and Dharamgarh, District Kalahandi in favour of M/s. Orissa Sugars Ltd., Ponni Sugars & Chemicals Limited, and M/s. Western India Sugar & Chemical Industries Ltd. respectively.

The request for transfer of Letter of Intent issued to IPICOL for setting up of a new sugar factory at Anandapur, District Keonjhar (applied for change of location to Bhadrak, District Balasore) is being processed.

Low Cost Sanitation Scheme submitted by Vijaywada Municipal Corporation

2061. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has submitted a low cost sanitation scheme in June 1984 for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation submitted a Low Cost sanitation Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.38 crores for grant-in-aid from the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and loan assistance from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) for the construction of 14,113 new water seal pour flush latrines and conversion of 5,530 existing dry latrines.

(c) The State Government has released grant-in-aid of Rs. 169 lakhs. The HUDCO has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 167.07 lakhs out of which Rs. 137.67 lakhs has been released so far. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 275.83 lakhs for the construction of 13,327 new water seal pour flush latrines and conversion of 862 dry latrines.

Problems of sugar industry

2062. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems of the sugar industry;

(b) whether the sugar mills in some states are on the verge of closure as they are not able to buy sugar-cane at high price;

(c) if so, the States where there has been steep rise in the sugar-cane price;

L.T.C. Facility

2170. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to restrict the L.T.C. facility to only two children of the Government employees ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Guidelines on social/Institutional forestry

2171. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest guidelines on social forestry and institutional forestry in rural development;

(b) the State-wise outlay on social/institutional forestry during 1991-92 and the average outlay per block;

(c) the State-wise target in terms of trees to be planted by the official or semi-official agencies during the above period; and

(d) the State-wise target in terms of seedlings and saplings to be supplied to private institutions and individuals free of cost or at subsidised rates during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The latest guidelines are given in statement I below.

(b) The statement showing statewise outlays for social/institutional forestry during 1991-92 is given in statement II below. Average outlay per block is not maintained.

(c) & (d). The annual targets for Afforestation/Tree plantation activities are fixed in terms of two mutually exclusive parameters (i) area for coverage of public lands including forest land and (ii) seedling distribution.

Seedlings are distributed to the public as well as other agencies for planting on their own lands. The modalities for distribution including free or at subsidised rates is done at the state level. The State-wise targets of seedling distribution and area to be covered for 1991-92 is given in statement III below.

STATEMENT-I

Guidelines for Implementing social forestry works under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (Effective from 1.4.1991)

SOCIAL FORESTRY WORKS

The main objectives in Implementation of social forestry works under JRY has to be such that its benefits accrue to the rural communities and more particularly to the rural poor.

Social forestry works will include soil and water conservation measures taken to ensure the survival of the plants.

LOCATION OF SOCIAL FORESTRY WORKS

Social forestry works under JRY may be taken up on Government and community lands and on road sides, canal embank-

granting extension in service/re-employment to superannuated person. The Bureau of Public Enterprises had not issued any further instructions on the matter to the public enterprises

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Production of Honey by Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2260. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a honey processing unit in Kerala by Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to install big honey processing unit near Cochin with a capacity of processing of one lakh kg. honey annually.

Prices of Essential Commodities Supplied through Public Distribution System

2261. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest issue prices and maximum, retail price of rice, wheat, sugar etc, distributed through the Public distribution system; and

(b) the amount of subsidy being borne by the Union Government in the matter of supply of rice, wheat and sugar to the consumers itemwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement showing the Central Issue Prices of key essential commodities is given in the Statement below. The State Governments/U.T. Administrations fix the retail prices of key essential commodities distributed under Public Distribution System taking into account, generally, the transport cost, margins to the fair price shops, State Government's subsidy, of any, and other incidentals. End retail prices therefore vary from State to State.

(b) The amount of overall subsidy paid by the Government of India to the Food Corporation of India in 1990-91 is as under:

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Subsidy in 1990-91 (RE) (Rs. in crores)</i>
Foodgrains (rice & Wheat)	Rs. 2142.4
Levy Sugar	Rs. 307.6

STATEMENT

*Central Issue Prices of key essential commodities distributed through Public Distribution System**Central Issue Price**(Rs. per quintal)*

Sl. No.	Commodity	P.D.S.	I.T.D.P.	W.E.F.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rice			
1.	Common	289.00	239.00	25.06.1990
2.	Fine	349.00	299.00	25.06.1990
3.	Superfine	370.00	320.00	25.06.1990
4.	Wheat	234.00	184.00	01.05.1990
5.	Sugar	Rs. 6.10	per kg.	24.07.1991
6.	Imported edible oil	Bulk Rs. 16500 per tonne 15 kgs. Rs. 19000 per tonne		26.01.1991 26.01.1991
7.	Kerosene	Rs. 2201.54	per kilo litre	24/25.07.1991

Share in Gross Domestic Product

2263. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the share of agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and rural industries in the gross domestic product in absolute terms and as well as a percentage of the total in the national income during the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANING AND PRO-

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STATEMENT

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(At current prices) (Rs. crores)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Year</i>		
	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>
1. Agriculture	83594	104948	12196
including	(28.4)	(29.8)	(28.4)
Animal Husbandry			
2. Fisheries	2636	3055	3635
	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)
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Cotton Seed Prices

2283. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JAN-ARTHANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton seeds are used in extraction of edible oil;

(b) whether due to fluctuation in prices of cotton seeds, the cotton growers are affected; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stabilise the price of cotton seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIKAMALUDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cotton seed growers are mainly concerned with the prices of cotton lint. Cotton seed is a by-product. Its prices may affect their earning to some extent. However, considering the present price level, cotton seed growers are placed in an advantageous position.

(c) Does not arise.

Outstanding amount of Sugarcane Price Payable to Sugarcane Growers

2284. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding amount of Sugarcane price payable to sugarcane growers during 1990-91, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Union Government for the early payment of outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Statement showing the State-wise position of arrears of sugarcane price during 1990-91 season upto 15.9.91, or latest available earlier reports from sugar factories, is given below.

(b) Ensuring timely payment of cane price by the sugar factories is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments who have got the necessary powers and field organisations to enforce such payments. Central government has requested the State Governments to take necessary steps to liquidate the cane price arrears.

STATEMENT

Statement Showing Statewise Arrears of Sugarcane Price During 1990-91 Season upto 15.9.1990, or Latest Available Earlier Reports from Sugar Factories.

(Figures in Lakh Rupees)

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Cane price arrears as reported by sugar factories</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Punjab	682.13
2.	Haryana	167.65

(Figures in Lakh Rupees)

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
3.	Rajasthan	152.04
4.	West Uttar Pradesh	1833.89
5.	Central Uttar Pradesh	3030.82
6.	East Uttar Pradesh	3295.20
	Total Uttar Pradesh	8159.91
7.	Madhya Pradesh	9.91
8.	South Gujarat	83.28
9.	Saurashtra	10.87
	Total Gujarat	94.15
10.	South Maharashtra	79.04
11.	North Maharashtra	325.63
	Total Maharashtra	404.67
12.	North Bihar	3270.92
13.	South Bihar	104.87
	Total Bihar	3375.79
14.	Assam	0.75
15.	Andhra Pradesh	521.53
16.	Karnataka	575.57
17.	Tamil Nadu	522.75
18.	Kerala	45.53
19.	Orissa	0.00

(Figures in Lakh Rupees)

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
20.	West Bengal	0.49
21.	Nagaland	42.39
22.	Pondicherry	0.00
23.	Goa	0.00
ALL INDIA		14755.26

Cement Prices

2285. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement industrial units have been asked by the Government to roll back prices and workout fresh modalities of distribution so that the discrepancy between the exfactory and retail prices is removed;

(b) if so, what other suggestions have been made to the cement units ; and

(c) to what extent these suggestions have been implemented by these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). At the meeting of cement manufacturers with finance Minister on 7.10.1991, they were advised to demonstrate social responsibility through voluntary price restraint. Industry was also requested to ensure that dealers were allowed only a reasonable margin and there was no undue profiteering at that level.

(c) There have been reports fall in cement prices at major consumption centres particularly in the Northern /region since mid October, 1991 and the Government is keeping a constant watch over cement prices.

Water Scarcity in Delhi

2286. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of water in Delhi;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the neighbouring States;

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

(e) the steps being taken to augment water supply in Delhi?

Visa Fee

2490. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures for the visa fee before and after its recent increase; and

(b) the amount estimated to be earned by this increase in visa fee?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Prior to November, 1991 visa fee ranged between Rs. 15-1800 depending upon nationality of applicant and type of visa asked for. Now the visa fee regime has been simplified and is ranging between Rs. 15-2600; except where issued gratis.

(b) It is estimated that the total annual amount from visa fee after increase will be Rs. 125 crore.

Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation

2491. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Soviet Peace, Friendship and Cooperation Treaty has not yet been formally extended for further 20 years as agreed to in principle by the two countries in August last; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Treaty already stands extended for a period of 5 years, under the terms of the existing treaty itself. The Govts. of both the countries have decided and already declared to further extend the Treaty for a period of 20 years. However, the delay in signing the

protocol has been due to developments within the Soviet Union. The protocol formally extending the Treaty for a further period of 20 years is expected to be signed in the near future.

[*Translation*]

Export of Iron

2492. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of iron in the country during 1990-91;

(b) the number of countries to which iron was exported during 1990-91 and the quantity thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to export iron to some more countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The production of pig iron in the country during the 1990-91 was 14.93 lakh tonnes.

(b) Export of pig iron is banned, as per the current import-export policy.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Expenditure on Flood Control Measures

2493. SHRI V. SOBHANAD-REESWARE RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union

Government on flood control measures during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether any comprehensive proposal for control of floods in Andhra Pradesh is under consideration of the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the flood of Muniyeru and Wyra rivers are causing a lot of damage to the crops and human habitation in several areas of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to finance the Scheme to raise the banks of Muniyeru and Wyra in some stretches to remedy the situation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A statement giving details of state-wise expenditure incurred by the Centre on Flood Control Measures during the last three years is attached.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f). Flood Management Schemes are planned, formulated and implemented by the State Governments themselves from their own resources as per inter-se priority fixed by them. As per the present policy, Central Assistance is in the form of block grants and loans not attached to any sector of development or a project. Schemes costing less than Rs. 100 lakh individually are not referred to the Centre even for techno-economic appraisal. A Scheme estimated to cost Rs. 1.13 crore for construction of flood banks on right side of Muniyeru river in Krishna District was sent to Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal. After examination, the Commission sent its comments to the State Government in April, 1989.

STATEMENT

(a) Details of Expenditure: The planned expenditure incurred by the Government of India on flood control measures viz. loan assistance for Brahmaputra Valley, Rengali Dam in Orissa and anti-sea-erosion works in Kerala, grants-in-aid to Brahmaputra Board and Ganga Flood Control Commission, Flood Forecasting and warning activities, flood plain zoning services and other miscellaneous activities including research and development during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Central Sector/Central Loan Assistance	Expenditure Year		
	1988-90	1989-90	1990-91
Assam	21.00	19.95	18.00
Kerala	2.50	2.37	2.05
Orissa (Rengali Dam)	0.50	-	-
Other Miscellaneous works of Central Sector	9.15	9.56	7.90
	33.15	31.88	27.95

Electricity on Cheaper Rates by MPEB

2735. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been introduced for providing one light connection for Rs. 20 only to the Adivasis and Harijans of the State of Madhya Pradesh by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government have taken steps to ensure the regular supply of electricity at cheaper rates to Adivasis and Harijans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board has a scheme for providing single point light connections to Adivasis and Harijans in the State by recovery of an initial charge of Rs. 19.80 in 12 equal monthly instalments. The cost of service lines upto 30 metres and internal wiring for such connections is borne by the Board. In case the average consumption of power by such beneficiaries is less than five units per month, a charge of Rs. 5/- per month is collected from the beneficiaries towards energy consumption. There is no separate lower tariff for tribal and scheduled castes consumers in Madhya Pradesh.

Approval of Max Project

2736. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has written to the Union Government

requesting to ensure the speedy clearance of the Weibel Telematik application for an industrial licence to make main automatic exchange equipment;

(b) if so, the steps taken to speed up approval for the MAX project; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has announced a New Industrial Policy according to which no industrial licence is required for the manufacture of MAX in the country.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Amount Sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board by Rural Electrification Corporation

2737. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAOVADDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board towards rectification of pump sets in the Current year and the last two years; and

(b) the amount of new pump sets energised during 1989-90, 1990-91 and the targets fixed for 91-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has provided an amount of Rs. 38.25 lakhs to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board as a

takes possession of the land after the soil erosion caused by Sharda river.

I would like to request the hon. Minister to allot land to the displaced Bengalis in Pilibhit district for building houses and for earning livelihood. Village and affected by soil erosion caused by river Sharda has been taken into possession by the Forest Department as "non Z(A)" land. This land is lying vacant. I urge upon the Government to allot this land to the displaced Bengalis, for constructing houses and farming.

(iii) Need to change the management of BIC and NTC mills in Kanpur

SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA (Kanpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the textile mills located in the industrial city Kanpur which was earlier called Manchester of India, are in a very miserable condition. A number of mills have been closed and some more are on the verge of closure. Due to continuous deterioration in the industrial atmosphere of the city, the industrial frame work has completely been destroyed. It is a matter of deep concern. The mills functioning under the control of British India Corporation and National Textile Corporation have almost reached to the state of depression due to mismanagement. Notice of retrenchment and meetings of employees are being served daily. As a result of it, thousands of workers and their families are on the verge of starvation. Heavy cut in grants to these units in Central Budget has made the problem more serious and the announcement made by the Finance Minister recently regarding closure of undertakings running in loss, has also worried the employees.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to appoint experienced, meritorious and dedicated persons in the management of these units and provide economic assistance also to these sick units to make them viable

and employment oriented in order to discharge social, moral and administrative responsibility towards the people of India honestly. In addition, the Government may categorically declare that these units will not be closed down so as to instill confidence among the workers and to put a check on the imminent unprecedented labour unrest.

(iv) Need to permit Government of Kerala to introduce its interest subsidy scheme for loans taken by farmers from primary cooperative banks and Societies

[English]

SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE (Alleppey): The Kerala Government had introduced the interest subsidy scheme for the loans taken by the farmers from primary cooperative banks and societies, which was very helpful to the poor agriculturists. The scheme was started in 1979-80 and continued upto 1989-90, but due to the compulsion of NABARD at a later stage, this scheme was stopped. The scheme was an incentive for the repayment of the loans and after the introduction of the scheme, Kerala's repayment rate of the loans became the highest in the country. The State has 15 million membership in the cooperative sector and the reintroduction of the interest subsidy scheme has a vital role in the State's agrarian economy.

I urge upon the Government to give permission to the State Government for reintroducing the interest subsidy scheme.

(v) Need to take action against persons involved alleged irregularities committed by Tapovan Housing Finance Company

SHRI SOBHANDREESWARA RAO (VADDE(Vijayawada): Tapovan Housing

[Sh. Sobhandreeswara Rao Vadde]

Finance Company which has collected crores of rupees from persons who applied for housing finance has failed to honour its commitments with the customers. Its office at Vijayawada is closed. The persons who applied for housing finance have deposited nearly 20 per cent of the loan amount with Tapovan, are now experiencing untold agony as their hard-earned savings are lost. The Government must immediately freeze the accounts of Tapovan at all the place where it has branches as well as at Delhi, where its registered office is located. The Government must also take suitable action against persons concerned in the Management for cheating the public and to ensure refund of deposits.

- (vi) **Need for comprehensive central survey of barren areas of Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur and that of adjoining river Yamuna and also to provide facilities for innovative farming there**

[Translation]

SHRI KESRI LAL (Ghatampur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to say that even now our country is predominantly agrarian and most of the population is engaged in agriculture for earning livelihood directly or indirectly. Till date an agricultural policy could not be formulated to fulfil the needs of agriculture in the country and to make it advanced. Even at present, the most of agriculture is dependent on nature for irrigation. Agricultural land of Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur and of adjoining areas of river Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh is also in the same condition. Agricultural facilities are not available in whole of this area and despite hard labour, the farmers find it difficult to earn their livelihood. The farmers, despite all their efforts, live in an atmosphere of constant uncertainty. Therefore, the economic

condition of farmers always remains precarious. The small and marginal farmers are mostly the victims of this situation.

Therefore, I request the Government that a large scale survey should be conducted in Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur and of adjoining ravine areas of river Yamuna, for providing adequate facilities in the region. To make the agriculture viable the necessary information may be made available to the farmers so that they may get its benefit and their standard of living may improve.

12.42 hrs

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE:
APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION IN
RELATION TO STATE OF MEGHALAYA
AND
MOTION RE: REVOCATION OF
PROCLAMATION IN RELATION TO STATE
OF MEGHALAYA

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now take up the Statutory Resolution. Time allotted for this is two hours. Item Nos. 7 and 8 are to be taken together.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB): Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House approves the Proclamation issued by the President on 11th October, 1991 under Article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Meghalaya."

Copies of the Proclamation and Reports of the Governor of Meghalaya have been laid on the Table of the House.

The Governor of Meghalaya in his

Per Capital Nutritive Intake in the Country

3110. SHRIK.P. UNNIKRISHANAN:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO
VADDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average daily requirement of nutrition of an Indian adult (Male and Females separately) and child (1 to 10 year) and their levels of consumption as per latest available figures of 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1990-91;

(b) the per capita protein intake (including animal protein) State-wise as per latest

available figures, as compared to the consumption/nutrition levels and protein intake in the advanced countries;

(c) whether malnutrition cases have increased and consequently consumption levels have gone down during the last five years; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the average intake and consumption of key nutritive items to solve the problem of malnutrition in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The average daily requirement of nutrition (Protein and Calories) of Indian adults and children (1.10 yrs) are given below:

	Children (age in year)			Adult (Males)	Adult (Females)
	1-3	4-6	7-9		
Consumption Calories (Kcal)	904	1258	1525	2478	2145
Protein	23.8	33.9	40.4	65.2	57.3
Requirement Calories (Kcal)	1240	1690	1950	2900	2200
Protein	21	29	40	60	50

The consumption figures are based on the results of the repeat surveys conducted by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau in seven states during 1988-90. The states surveyed are Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat

and Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The per capital protein intake (including animal protein) at the state level where National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau has conducted repeat surveys during 1988-90 are as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>Protein intake Per CU</i>	<i>(G/Day) Per C.Put</i>
Kerala	52.9	45.5
Tamilnadu	45.6	39.2
Karnataka	65.4	56.2
Andhra Pradesh	55.7	47.9
Maharashtra	61.7	53.1
Gujarat	69.3	59.6
Madhya Pradesh	82.5	71.0
Pooled	61.8	53.1
Recommended dietary intake	60.0	51.6

The figures are expressed in terms of per consumption unit as well as per caput basis (Per CAPUT=per CU-x 0.86) These figures are much less than those reported from affluent countries of the west.

(c) According to repeat surveys, malnutrition in terms of clinical status well as anthropometric (weight for age) status of pre-school children have decreased over years.

(d) To improve the average consumption of nutrients in the vulnerable groups, Government of India have initiated a number of programmes.

(i) **Supplementary feeding programme**

under the scheme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), is implemented to fill the critical calorie gap in pre-school children and women during pregnancy and lactation.

(ii) Vitamin A distribution programme to prevent Vitamin A deficiency in pre-school children (1-5 yrs).

(iii) Distribution of Iron and Folic Acid Tablets programme (Anemia Prophylaxis programme):- distribution of Iron and Folic Acid Tablets to pregnant and lactating women and

children upto 10 years and to family planning acceptors.

- (iv) Supply of Iodised Salt to prevent Iodine Deficiency Disorders.
- (v) Supply of foodgrains on subsidised rates to the poor through public distribution system.

Viral Fever

3111. KUMARI VIMLA
VERMA:
SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN
SETHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of viral fever are increasing in the country.

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have sought information from the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to eradicate the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) I.C.M.R. study shows that there are indications that the viral fevers are increasing in the country. The studies carried out by National Institute of Virology, Pune have indicated that during the last few years epidemics of Japanese Encephalitis have been reported from areas where it was not existent earlier. Studies carried out by NIV, Pune, CMC, Vellore and S.T.M., Calcutta have indicated that epidemics of dengue haemorrhagic fever and dengue shock

syndrome have been reported in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and West Bengal. Cases were also reported from rural areas of western and Southern region indicating the spread of dengue to rural areas also.

(b) to (d). State authority provides the deformation when there is any epidemic of viral fevers. Viral fever is neither a notifiable disease nor it has been included in the National List for tabulation of morbidity and mortality based on 10th Revision of the International classification of diseases, 1979 adopted by Govt. of India. As such no reliable information is available regarding incidence of viral fever. However, state-wise Number of cases of Japanese Encephalitis for the last 3 years is given in the attached statement.

Technically there is no effective mechanism for Chemoprophylaxis and no curative drug (Anti-Viral) is available at present. Further the vaccination has got its own limitations. Since the indigenous vaccine is still under trial the control measures are directed towards vector control against J.E.

Directorate of NMEP is undertaking.

1. Besides routine monthly monitoring of JE, daily monitoring is being done during epidemics.
2. Based on epidemiological trends, advance warnings are given to the States.

Technically guidance and assistance are providing to states through correspondence and periodic visits of NMEP Officers.

Insecticides and spray equipments/fogging machines supplied under NMEP are utilised by the states for containment of outbreak.

N.I.V., Pune, N.I.C.D., Delhi S.T.M.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 envisages establishment of a National Apex Body for bringing about greater coordination and integration in the planning and development of the higher education system, including research. Accordingly it was proposed to establish a National Council of Higher Education by a Govt. resolution, but the Planning Commission and Chairman, UGC expressed reservations about certain aspects of the proposal.

The Ramamurti Committee, which reviewed the National Policy on Education 1986, while recognising the need for greater coordination in higher education was of the view that the creation of a two-tier coordination mechanism consisting of a Committee of Ministers and a Committee of Secretaries would suffice. As such it has not been possible to agree on a mechanism for establishment of a National apex body for higher education.

[*Translation*]

UGC Grant to Kumaun University

3138. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided to Kumaun University by the University Grants Commission on the recommendation of the Sports Authority of India for providing sports facilities during 1990—91;

(b) the number of students of this university offered scholarships offered scholarships from this Grant during 1990—91; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-

SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has not received any proposal for development of sports facilities in the University either from the Kumaun University or through the Sports Authority of India.

(b) and (c). UGC provides assistance to Universities for implementation of the Scheme of Junior Research Fellowships. The fellowships are awarded to those candidates who have qualified in the National Test conducted by UGC/CSIR for the purpose. Each University is allotted a fixed quota of fellowships. Besides, supernumerary fellowships are also provided to the Universities for adjusting surplus candidates who have qualified in the national test for that year.

According to the information furnished by UGC, against a quota of 25 positions allotted to Kumaun University by the Commission, the University awarded 12 Junior Research Fellowships for the year 1989—90. Information regarding Fellows working in the University in 1990-91 has not yet been received by UGC from the University. However, to avoid hardship to the Fellows, the Commission has sanctioned an 'on account' grant of Rs. 9.00 lakhs for the year 1990—91.

[*English*]

Sports Talent in Rural Children

3139. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAOVADDE:

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

(a) the number and names of rural games organised at national level during the last three years;

(b) the number of youths from rural areas selected and imparted training by the Sports Authority of India under "Catch Them Young" scheme for these games.

(c) the measures taken to train such youths at various levels; and

(d) the budgetary support for such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Under the Scheme of all India Rural Sports Tournament, such tournaments are held in 4 groups at 4 different places in the country each year. Various games at national level covering rural areas as well are being organised every year under other schemes of Sports Authority of India e.g. talent scouting and nurturing under Special Area Games, SPDA and NSTC schemes etc.

(b) Around 1750 youth from rural areas have been selected under the various schemes such as SAG, NSTC, SPDA, Boys Companies etc.

(c) The selected boys and girls are placed in residential environment and besides scientific coaching, the SAI incurs expenditure on diet, sports kits, sports equip-

ments competition exposure and academics of these trainees.

(d) During the year 1991—2 the total budgetary support for these programmes is around Rs. 11.50 crores.

Improvement in services of Air India/ Indian Airlines

3140. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHUR-
ANA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign exchange earned and spent during the past two years by the Air India and the Indian Airlines;

(b) whether the services of these airlines have not been improving as compared to other airlines operating in similar air-
outes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to bring these airlines at par with others in the matters of service to passengers and punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of foreign exchange earned and spent by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last two years is as under:

	<i>Amount earned</i>		<i>Amount spent</i>	
	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>		<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>	
	1989—90	1990—91	1989—90	1990—91
Air India	841.59	1004.65	749.29	855.43
Indian Airlines	264.04	289.35	363.71	385.43