

also received complaints to this effect. These complaints are not baseless, they are true to a large extent. The Central Government have drawn the attention of the State Governments towards it several times. In regard to the submission made by the hon. Member, the Government would again draw the attention of the State Governments towards it so that the underground water may be utilized properly and the farmers may be benefited.

[English]

MR SPEAKER The question is on utilization of rain water, not on anything else. Please bear this in mind.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE From the reply of the hon. Minister it is evident that only 50 per cent of the utilisable water is being utilised, even less than that. Also, it is a fact that because we could not control and harness this water every year we are losing Rs. 100 crores worth of crops due to floods and droughts. In view of these facts, will the Government take necessary steps to implement the scheme that was suggested very long back by the late Dr. K. L. Rao for linking the Ganga and the Cauvery rivers where the available water could be put to the best use so that it will lead to the prosperity of this country? And as a part of it, will the Government clear the Polavaram project proposal from Andhra Pradesh linking the rivers Godavari and Krishna to utilise the rain water? What is the role of the Central Government in helping the State Government to take up such schemes?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA Sir, the linking of rivers had been suggested in various forms by various people. One of our very distinguished scientists and our former Minister, Dr. K. L. Rao, had made a suggestion, which was examined in detail. And then it was found impracticable in view of the very high cost involved and also because of various geographical features. But none the less the linking of rivers becomes the only answer to water shortages in various river basins. Therefore, the National Water De-

velopment Agency has started the work of linking the river basin, firstly in the Peninsular India and secondly of the Himalayan rivers. The Himalayan rivers cannot be linked, technically because of geographical reasons with the southern rivers. Therefore, these two separate projects have been undertaken. And I am sure that in course of time we will be able to link these river basins so that the water from the water surplus areas can be transferred to the water shortage areas.

As far as Polavaram project is concerned, this is a project which is useful and which is being implemented. And we are paying full attention to that.

SHRI PALAK M. MATHEW Sir, in each State there is very big variation in the availability of rain water. For example from District to District. In Kerala, especially in the hilly and terrain district of Idukki, there is no water at all now in most areas. Will the Government consider a scheme for linking the areas of surplus water supply and the areas of heavy drought? There should be a scheme for the storage of rain water in the areas where there is surplus and then linking those areas with the areas where there is drought.

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA It is true that in Kerala there are areas which have excess rainfall and in the watershed areas there is shortage of water. Therefore, a study was undertaken to divert the waters of the west flowing rivers to the east. There are certain problems, which are being sorted out and the areas that the hon. Member have mentioned are receiving special attention from us.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to ask a question in regard to the matter about which the hon. Minister has considerable information. A large part of land in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. (Interruptions)

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). Production of feature films is predominantly in the Private Sector. All films intended for public exhibition in India are required to be certified by the Central Board of Film Certification. The films are examined by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Guidelines issued thereunder. According to these guidelines issued thereunder. According to these Guidelines, while examining films for certification, the Board ensures *inter-alia* that visuals or words contemptuous of racial, *religious* or other groups are not presented.

(e) Does not arise.

Development of Pilgrim Sites in Haryana

6152. **SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHURI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Haryana Government for: development of various pilgrim sites and to complete the renovation and beautification of Jyotisar, Brahma Sarovar, Sannihit Sarovar, setting up of Geeta Centra, development of Sri Krishna museum and to provide facilities for pilgrims and tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government to clear the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-

DIA): (a) and (b) Development of tourism including places of pilgrimage is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments on specific proposals on their merit, availability of funds and interse priorities. Based on this criteria, during the year 1991-92, budget accommodation at nine places, one fast food restaurant, publicity support and two tourist complexes have been sanctioned in the State of Haryana. However, no proposals for renovation/beautification of Jyotisar, Brahma Sarovar, Sannihit Sarovar, and development of Sri Krishna museum were received from the State Government.

New Tourism Route in Southern Region

6153 **SHRI SOBHANAD REESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to develop Vijayawada, Kondapalli, Amaravathi, Nagarjunasagar and Hyderabad as a tounsm route; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Development of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the Stat Governments. However, Central Department of Tounsm have identified the Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagr-Tirupati circuit for development of tourism in this area.

[*Translation*]

Aluminium from Ashes of Thermal Power Plants

6154 **SHRI DEVENDRA F. ASAD YADAV:**
SHRI RAM BADAN:

SHRI BH. VIJAYAKUMAR RAJU (Narsapur): Sir, let the Minister make a statement..... (*Interruptions*) I want to say that many accidents are going occur. The Railway Minister is not here..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The Railway Minister has sent me a letter asking for the permission to make a statement on this. I have allowed him to make a statement. The time will be communicated to you.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): I would like to speak on the previous issue raised by Shri Rao.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Rao, is it necessary? It has been beautifully put to me.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: I would only like to supplement what my colleague Shri Rao has said. It is the Tobacco Board which has encouraged the farmers.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It becomes diluted unnecessarily when it has already been put in a very good shape.

SHRI SHOBANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, it is not rice or paddy or wheat. The Tobacco Board itself encouraged the farmers to go in for higher production. Nearly sixty per cent higher production, they had advised the farmers. What I would like to impress upon you is this. Please ask the Commerce Minister to make a statement on this and he should also see that the balance of 15 million kgs. of tobacco is purchased. Sir, the traders and the Ruling Party have joined hands together and they are trying to exploit the farmers by giving lesser prices. They are going to give Rs. 10 crores to the AICC Plenary Session. That is the income of the farmers. It is really very shameful on the part of this Government. They have promised that the price will not be less than the

last year's price. What is that they are doing? Shri Chidambaram came here and promised that the price will in no time be lesser than the last year. Now, 35 per cent lesser price is being given to the farmers. They are exploiting the tobacco growers. Why should this be allowed? Please ask the Minister to make a statement on this and take necessary steps to purchase the tobacco. Please see that the orders are given. You are coming in the way of erstwhile Russian State in not putting the entire order for your own mean ends.

13.00 hrs.

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to your kind notice about the matter of bonded labourers in Maharashtra.

Though the Government seems to be encouraging for the release and rehabilitation of the bonded labourers yet you will be shocked to learn that in one of the nationalised banks – Bank of Maharashtra – this practice is followed there since long. In spite of the repeated requests from the authorised union of the bank employees and local MP, the bank management is dilly-dallying with the subject. More than hundred men and women are employed in this bank since 1973 and they are just getting a meagre fixed pay upto Rs. 150/- per month for the last twenty years. Even the income of the beggars on the street is also more than Rs. 15/- per month. These people of fixed pay are working there for the last twenty years.

I urge upon the Finance Minister to look into the matter very seriously and end this injustice immediately and continue the services of those unfortunate, exploited employees in full-fledged and regular scale and provide all other facilities as given to all other regular employees.

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI (Sikkim): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to

uled Tribes and who are the hilly people. He should come forward voluntarily and do the needful for Orissa people.

With these words, I conclude.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say a few words on this important Demands pertaining to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

We all have to feel very sorry because we have to bear with the fact that nearly fifty per cent of the illiterates in the entire world are in our country itself. It is very unfortunate. The latest census figure says that only 52 per cent population is literate. But in this connection, I would like to say one thing. The experience of Kerala has given us lot of hope. When people are involved, defiantly we can achieve certain national goals much more efficiently and in lesser time. Kerala people have shown us the path of full literacy. Certainly, if more funds are provided by the hon. Minister, definitely we can go ahead in the matter towards achieving full literacy. Not only literacy but this Kerala experience has given us hope in regard to tree plantation also. If you involve people, if you involve youth, if you involve voluntary organisations, definitely we can make lot of progress in that direction also. This is one programme where, after we lost our Father of the Nation, the concrete example has been shown to us saying that if we have the people's participation, if we have the involvement of the people, definitely we can achieve larger goals.

Regarding the adult education, I would like to say that CAPART has given lot of funds to various organisations. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether an enquiry has been made as to how best these grants have been used. I would only request the hon. Minister to kindly take necessary steps and see that a sturdy is made and an

enquiry is made and the funds which are provided by you are put to the best use.

Regarding universalisation of elementary education, just now, my hon. friend has said about it and I will not repeat it. But still I would say that though the National Education Policy has said that we will achieve total literacy by 1995, yet I have my own doubt about it. We will be very happy to hear about it from the hon. Minister. What is the Government's assessment in this regard? By what year are we going to achieve this?

Also, the standard in Central Schools is not up to the mark because the students- teachers ratio is very high. And more number of teachers are to be deployed. The ratio should be small so that the students get the maximum of best education.

The objective of the Operation Black Board are good and we certainly agree with them, whether it is providing pucca accommodation or minimum two teachers norm. They are all good. But to what I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister is to the fact that we and many Members on the other side are all members of the Zilla Parishads in our own respective districts it has come to our knowledge that these teaching and games equipment that were supplied under this Operation Black Programme, they do not tally to any standard. They are all sub-standard. Unfortunately, these crores of rupees that we are spending on this Operation Black Board, they are going into the drain.

A Committee was appointed and the Committee had revealed very startling findings in our district. So from our experience, I would like to bring it to the notice of the hon. Minister to kindly make necessary detailed enquiries into this. There may be some people who have some rate contract but the quality of the equipment that are being supplied is very bad. I hope that the Government will

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take suitable steps to improve these conditions.

Regarding the Secondary Education, it is very essential that the standards should be good, the foundation should be strong. Then only the students will have an aptitude to go for higher education or other higher avenues. In this connection, I would like to suggest to the hon. Minister that the curriculum should undergo lot of changes. As present, the students are prepared for only non-manual jobs. And the practical training that is being imparted either in polytechnics or in IITs is very very less. Even in the science laboratories, the practical training is not being properly imparted. Somehow, the student is satisfied if he gets a certificate or a degree or a diploma and the teacher is satisfied if he does not make any noise in the class. This is leading to a situation where, even after passing B. E. or L. M. E., or some other course, when the student goes into the wide world, he is not having any confidence that he can stand on his own legs.

My suggestion is that the Government should take more and more measures to impart practical training. Many of us, we go through this graduation whether it is B. Sc., B. A., or B. Com., and many a time, it so happens that those studies that we make in the colleges after spending a lot of money - we are spending a lot of money and the parents are spending lot of money - and those things that we have learnt in the prime of our youth, they have no relevance to our practical needs. And instead of that if you introduce agriculture, if you introduce accounting, if you introduce health some of these things which really matter, sometimes for our daily purposes, daily needs - though I may not get a Government job, being the son of a kisan, I can stand on my own, doing cultivation with more advanced techniques which I had learnt while studying in the

school itself either in the secondary education or in the higher education. So it is high time that the Government should seriously think of these things and bring in sufficient changes in the curriculum.

Among the items to be included in the curriculum, definitely, an element should be introduced that is motivation to self-service and service to the nation. That should be included. Unfortunately, right at the moment, it is lacking. And right from the secondary level, the Government must definitely take necessary steps to inculcate that and also encourage dignity of labour and also the work culture. Unfortunately, right at the moment, we find in several of the factories, barring a few places, that people do not work. They are satisfied by getting their wages and they do not think as to what is their contribution to the factory and through the factory to the nation? This work culture must find a place in the curriculum.

About the Navodaya Vidyalayas, my friend has already mentioned and I will not go at length because the time is very short. The objective of the Navodaya Vidyalayas are very high. But my feeling is, from the experience that we have for the last few years, that this is not sufficient and also you do not have your own examination system. Still, in the Navodaya Vidyalayas, you are following CBSE examination pattern. My suggestion is that the Government must take necessary steps to see that the teachers are recruited into Navodaya Vidyalayas, who have got a motivation, who have got a definite commitment to impart a better education to the students.

In regard to higher education my suggestion to the Government is to kindly introduce the consultancy feature in the engineering colleges, in the agricultural colleges, in the research laboratories, where the research scholars, the students taking up higher education can contribute something for solving some of the problems which the people

of various sections are facing in this country. At the same time some revenue is also derived by these institution towards research service that they they have rendered for solving the problems posed by the customers.

In regard to unemployment through we stand as third biggest country with the science and technology skill and personnel and expertise, unfortunately it is very sad to know that 84000 engineering graduates are unemployed. 45 lakh educated people are unemployed in this country. Of course, I do not mean to say that the Government has got a responsibility to give jobs to all the 45 lakh people. But you must take such measures where you give self confidence to the people who come out of the institutions that they can stand on their own legs. If that is done, you will be doing a great service.

My suggestion is, you kindly introduce the curriculum the sex education and the importance of hygiene. We feel so bad when we hear from certain hospitals about the lack of basic fundamental knowledge among the people of this country even after 45 years of independence. We are going to the twenty first century instead. I certainly recommend to the Government to seriously ponder over this and take necessary steps.

You kindly allot more funds to Sports. Our sister Manata Banerjee is not here in the House now. There are five in distrait tournaments. In that our national events such as Kho Kho and Kabaddi are not included. You give Rs. 10000 each to the best school which comes as the winner. Only five events are covered. In Kabaddi we got the gold medal in the previous Asiad Games. So you kindly include Kabaddi and Kho Kho in these introit events.

Definitely preference should be given to the sports-persons, boys or girls, in the matter

of giving seat in the schools and also higher scholarships.

I appeal to you to kindly give a preferential treatment to the children of single-child family or two-children families. You kindly give preference to such people by means of giving higher scholarship. You kindly that it to the notice of uneducated poor persons in the villages in remote corners that if they confine their families with one or two children, the future of their children will be better and the Government will definitely take care of the educational and health needs of their children. That will act as a very good incentive.

The Anganwadi workers' fate is very very miserable. I appeal to you to kindly increase their honorarium.

I conclude by appealing to the hon. Minister Arjun Singhji to sanction the Science Centre at Vijayawada, my constituency. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Municipal Corporation of Vijayawada have agreed to provide the land and some funds as desired by your Government.

SHRIMATIMALINIBHATTACHARAYA (Jadavpur): Mr. Chairman Sir, I rise to oppose the Demands for Grants. I may say at the very outset that by opposing the Demands, I am not really opposing this particular Demand or wanting the allocations in that particular area to be increased. But my opposition to the Demands means a total opposition to the entire outlook, the entire philosophy that is at work behind these Demands for Grants.

What is this outlook? I do not think it differs very much from the outlook expressed in the General Budget. I recall Shri Manmoham Singh's reply in this House on the 26th March. In his reply, when Members of his own party had urged upon him to say some-

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| 19. | Rashid Market Extn. | 42. | Shastri Nagar 'E' block |
| 20. | Ganesh Park | 43. | Shastri Nagar 'F' block |
| 21. | Brijpuri (Extn.) | | CIVIL LINES ZONE (ADARSH NAGAR GROUP OF COLONIES) |
| 22. | Shashi Masjid | 44. | Kewal Park Extn. |
| 23. | Chawla Park | 45. | Majlid Park Extn. |
| 24. | Brijpuri (old & new) | 46. | Adarsh Nagar Extn. |
| 25. | Baldev Park | | |
| 26. | Baldev Park East | | Dehoarding Operations |
| 27. | Shyam Nagar | 6525. | SHRI BOLLA BOLLI RAMAIAH: |
| 28. | Jittar Nagar block A,B,C. | | SHRI V. SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE: |
| 29. | Anarkali Part I | | SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: |
| 30. | Anarkali South (Part Block D & E) | | SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY: |
| 31. | Anarkali South Extn. | | SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: |
| 32. | Anarkali Garden | | |
| 33. | Radhe Shyam Park | | Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: |
| 34. | Radhe Shyam Park Extn. | | |
| 35. | Gobind Park | | (a) whether the Union Government have directed the State Governments to further intensify the dehoarding operations to bring down the prices of Essential Commodities; |
| 36. | Old Gobindpura & Extn. | | (b) if so, the details of the action taken by the state Governments and the extent to which the prices of Essential Commodities have come down; |
| 37. | Jagatpuri (block A,B,F,G,M) | | (c) the number of persons arrested under the Essential Commodities Act during the past six months in the country; and |
| | ROHINI ZONE (SHASTRI NAGAR GROUP OF COLONIES) | | (d) further steps taken to bring down the prices of Essential Commodities? |
| 38. | Shastri Nagar near Sarai Rohila | | |
| 39. | Shastri Nagar 'C' block | | |
| 40. | Shastri Nagar 'M' block | | |
| 41. | Shastri Nagar 'D' block | | |

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

(b) From 1.1.92 to 31.3.92, 17033 raids have been conducted, 521 persons arrested, 955 persons prosecuted, 24 persons convicted and goods worth Rs. 142.82 lakhs confiscated under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The rate of inflation during the period 28.12.91 to 21.3.92 has been estimated at 1.1% above the corresponding period of the previous year.

(c) As per reports received 1659 persons were arrested.

(d) In addition to the monetary and fiscal steps taken by the Govt., edible oils were imported to increase their availability and steps taken to revamp the P.D.S. The retail prices of cotton sarees/ dhoties have been reduced to the level of July, 1990. The prices of electric bulbs have been reduced. The sale of economy pack quality tea, Janta soap has been commenced. The essential commodities have been spared from additional levies both in the Central Budget as well as in Railway Budget. A Cabinet Committee under the Chairmanship of the Union Finance Minister has been regularly monitoring the prices of essential commodities and taking the necessary steps for keeping the prices under control.

Hiring of HEMM by Coalmines

6526. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hiring of Heavy Earth-moving machinery has been stopped in a phased manner in the coalmines of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. as recommended by the Expert Group appointed by the Government;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether factors responsible for under-utilization of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. owned Heavy-earth moving machinery have been eliminated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGUDA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Hiring of privately owned HEMM in Eastern Coalfields Limited has been stopped w.e.f. 1.4.1991.

(c) and (d). The factors attributable to low utilisation of HEMM in ECL have been identified and steps have been initiated to improve the utilisation.

Non-payment of Minimum wages to labourers

6527. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of non-payment of minimum wages to labourers under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana have been brought to the notice of the Union Government by some of the State Governments and by Government of Madhya Pradesh in particular;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the rates of wages to the labourers under J.R.Y.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increased allocation of Public Distribution System commodities, market intervention operations and imports of essential commodities such as edible oil are resorted to, as measures to combat rise in prices, subject to a number of factors such as availability of stock in the Central Pool, foreign-exchange position and international prices of these commodities.

[English]

Housing Scarcity in Vijayawada

6596. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute scarcity of housing units in Vijayawada City;

(b) whether HUDCO has any plan for construction of LIG, MIG and HIG dwelling units there in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Housing is a State subject and State and Union Territory Governments are free to formulate housing schemes in urban areas for various target groups in accordance with the need, their priority and financial resources and through State Plan provisions. Union Government is not aware of reports of acute scarcity of housing units in Vijayawada City.

(b) and (c). HUDCO is not constituted to construct houses, but provides financial assistance to various Housing Board/Local Bodies etc. for the construction of houses as per HUDCO guidelines HUDCO since inception and as on 31.1.92 has sanctioned 15 projects in Vijayawada City in the State of Andhra Pradesh for different schemes. The project cost of these schemes is Rs. 19.30

crores, Out of which HUDCO loan component is Rs. 12.37 crores. These project envisage construction of 10922 residential units and 19643 basic sanitation units.

[Translation]

Dealership of Maruti Cars

6597. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons allotted sale dealership and service centres of Maruti Cars by the Maruti Udyog Limited upto December, 1991;

(b) whether persons of the same family have been allotted more than one agency/ dealership in different names;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor and

(d) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to whom dealership and service centres have been allotted out of the total allotment made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNBON): (a) Maruti Udyog Ltd. had 56 dealer companies and 1359 Maruti Authorised Service Stations (MASSs) as on 31.12.1991. Out of these 1359 MASSs, 636 are in operation.

(b) and (c): Assuming that 'family' means immediate family i.e. father, mother, sons and daughters, no two persons of the same family had been allocated more than one dealership in different names, as reported by the Company.

(d) The proprietor of one dealership Company belongs to Scheduled Tribe. This information regarding MASSs is not maintained by the Company.

JACOB): (a) to (d). Information on theft of particular idols is not compiled and monitored by Central agencies. It is for the concerned State police to register cases and take-up investigation and also take necessary steps to prevent the theft/smuggling of idols.

Officials Involved in 1984- Riots

6710. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI ANAND RATNA
MAURYA:
SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI RABI RAY:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RAM BAHADUR:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD
YADAV:
DR. A. K. PATEL:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEY:
SHRI BOLLABULLIRAMIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the officials against whom disciplinary action and other appropriate action have been recommended by Ms. Kusumlata Mittal;

(b) the details of the charges levelled against such officials;

(c) whether the Government propose to initiate action against them; and

(d) if so, the details 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) to (d). On the basis of the recommendations of Ms. Mittal, it has been decided to proceed against police officials indicted in her report. In all, Ms. Mittal had indicted 72 police officials. Of these, 13 have retired and 2 died. The charges against the officials mainly relate to dereliction of duty, lack of supervision and failure to maintain absolute devotion to duty. Of the 57 officials being proceeded against 6 are IPS officers 1 Addl. DCP; 10 Assistant Commissioners of Police; 19 Inspectors; 12 Sub-Inspectors; 2 Asst. Sub-Inspectors & 7 Head Constables.

[Translation]

Allotment of Dealership on Production of Bogus SC/ST Certificate

6711. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL:
SHRI PROBIN DEKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases have come to the notice of the Government where petrol/diesel retails outlets and LPG dealerships have been allotted on the production of bogus SC/ST certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of dealership cancelled on this account?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The retails outlets at (i) Babhnan in Basti District (UP) (ii) Dēesa in Banaskantha (Gujarat) and the LPG dealerships at (i) Karvi/Chitrakootdham in Banda District (UP) (ii) Patna in Patna District (Bihar) (iii) Hojai in Nowgong district (Assam) & (iv)

**Bottling Plants in Purulia District of
West Bengal**

6737. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received and proposal for settling up new bottling plants in Purulia District, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). No decision has been taken to set up a bottling plant at Purulia in West Bengal.

[*Translation*]

Import of Agricultural Appliances

6738. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import agricultural appliances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). In view of reply to part (a), the questions do not arise.

[*English*]

**Project for Running Vehicles with
Compressed Natural Gas**

6739. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Refineries Limited had formulated a pilot project for running vehicles with compressed natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Madras Refineries Limited has taken up a pilot project in cooperation with the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) and Cholan Roadways Corporation to convert and run 10 buses on an experimental basis, using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and diesel on a dual-fuel mode. The first passenger bus thus converted has been in operation since 22nd March, 1992.

Ban on Import of Seeds

6740. SHRI V. DHANANJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to impose a total ban on import of seeds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

Production Capacity of Off-Shore West-Coast Field

6779. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of off-shore west coast field,

(b) the cost incurred for establishing the potential and cost of development of each field including trans-potation etc. upto land fall point; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (c). Production from the western offshore fields during the last 3 years has been as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Oil Production (Million Tonnes)</i>
1989-90	22.32
1990-91	21.21
1991-92	18.96
(provisional)	

Total investment in these fields has been Rs. 12085.5 crores upto 31.3.1991.

Development of Cashew Plantation

6780. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank team visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the potential available in the State for further development of cashew plantations;

(b) if so, the details of areas identified; and

(c) the response of the World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

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

Wastage of Petroleum Products

6782. SHRI SMRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 percent of the petroleum products are being wasted;

(b) if so, the whether any strategy to harness the petroleum resources to the optimum and to give a thrust to the entire field of oil conservation has been or is being worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) Some Working Groups have estimated the potential of conservation of energy including petroleum products to be 20% to 30% in the major sectors.

(b) and (c). Various measures under implementation to promote conservation of petroleum products include mass awareness campaigns, imparting of education and training to the target group of oil users, promoting use of fuel-efficient devices/equipment and upgraded lubricants, initiating action in the newly identified areas, encouraging use of alternative fuels and reducing wastages as well as wasteful use of petro-

whether a function is of a political nature is to be decided by the Government.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Production of Pulses

6806. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the largest pulses growing States in the country;

(b) the percentage of pulses being grown in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether any assistance is being provided to these States to further increase the production of pulses; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The largest pulses growing States in the country are Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa followed by Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Bihar.

(b) Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh contribute 12.3 and 19.6 percent respectively to pulses production.

(c) and (d). For increasing production of pulses, the Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and the Central Sector Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP)- Pulses are being implemented to provide input support to the farmers. Under these programmes,

financial assistance is given to States on various inputs like seed production, plant protection measures, distribution of seed minikits, sprinklersets, rhizobial cultures and farm implements and organisation of demonstrations to induce the farmers to take up cultivation of pulses with improved technology on large scale. Pulses have also been brought under the ambit of the Technology Mission in the Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation.

[*English*]

Export of Agricultural Products

6807. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural commodities along with their quantity likely to be exported during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period;

(b) the present level of production of these commodities;

(c) whether the production areas for specific crops are identified for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Rice, wheat, coarse grains, spices, cashewnuts, HPSgroundnuts, fruits & vegetables, and cotton are likely to be exported during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period. No specific targets have been fixed for export of these items during the Eighth Plan Period. The export of rice, wheat coarse grains and cotton will however, depend on the surplus being made available after making adequate provision for meeting domestic requirements.

(b) The present level of production of these commodities during 1990-91 is as under:-

(Million Tonnes)	
<i>Name of the Commodities</i>	<i>Production</i>
1	2
Rice	74.58
Wheat	54.52
Coarse Grains	33.05
Spices	2.08
Cashewnuts	0.29
Groundnut	7.62
Fruits	28.00
Vegetables	57.80
Cotton	97.59

(lakh bale of 170 kgs. each)

(c) and (d). The following thrust programmes which concentrate on specific crops and areas for increasing production and productivity are being implemented:

- i) Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD).
- ii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat (SFPP-Wheat).
- iii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize and Milletes (SFPP-Maize and Millets).
- iv) Intensive Cotton Development Programme- (ICDP)

v) Elite Progeny Orchards-cum-Nursery Scheme.

vi) Schemes of Re-planting and supply of Quality Planting Material in respect of Small and Large Cardamom.

[Translation]

Starvation due to Shortage of Foodgrains

6808. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the starvation of the people in certain parts of the country due to shortage of foodgrains;

(b) the areas affected by starvation;

(c) whether there is acute shortage of foodgrains in the country due to which these are being imported; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Starvation due to shortage of foodgrains in any part of country has not been reported to any State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The stock of Wheat and Rice in the Central pool as on 1.3.92 were of the order of 124.00 lakh tonnes, which is considered adequate to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distribution System. However, the Governments have decided to import 1.00 million tonnes of Wheat with a view to increasing its availability and containing the market prices.

Mahila Banks in Karnataka

6854. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where Mahila Banks are functioning at present in Karnataka;

(b) the number of application to open Mahila Banks in Karnataka received by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(c) the number of licences proposed to be sanctioned during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) At present, three Mahila Urban Cooperative Banks are functioning at Bangalore, Belgaum and Tumkur in Karnataka.

(b) In the recent past no proposal for setting up new Mahila Banks in Karnataka has been received by Reserve Bank of India.

(c) The licences for new Urban Bank are not issued according to the plan periods or on a yearly basis. As such, it is not possible to project the number of new Mahila Banks that will be established in Karnataka State during 1992-93.

Deposits of Resident Indians in Banks in Switzerland

6855. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some resident Indians have huge deposits in banks in Switzerland without the approval of the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) whether the Government propose to demand the Government of Switzerland to

pass on the funds to them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India have reported that they have no information to this effect.

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

Enquiry Against Bank Officers

6856. SHRI B. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of Bank officers pending enquiry for more than six month with the Central Vigilance Commission and the Enquiry Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Central Vigilance Commission has informed that as on 31.1.92, these were 41 enquiries (involving 68 bank officials) pending for more than six months with different Commissioners for Departmental Inquiries of the Commission.

[Translation]

Report of Raunak Singh Committee on Free Port.

6857. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI S. B. SINAL:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANNITHALA:
SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI P. P. KALIAPERUMAL:
SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:
SHRI RAM KAPSE:
SHRI GOVENDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Air India has started an additional weekly service between Trivandrum and Abu Dhabi with effect from Summer 1992. India Airlines propose to increase the frequencies of its thrice weekly service Calicut-Sharjah-Calicut to Five times weekly with effect from 3rd May 1992.

**ITDC Hotels and Travel Agencies
for private Sector**

7066. SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage private sector to run hotels and travel agencies of the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) whether the Government also propose to recall staff posted abroad for promotion of tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small agrops of ITDC

hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains.

(b) No, Sir.

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

Pumpsets Energised

7067. SHRI SOBHANDREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pumpsets to be energised during 1992-93, and the funds earmarked in each State;

(b) the number of applications pending as on 1 January, 1992 for sanction of electric connections to the pumpsets of farmers, state-wise; and

(c) the time by which the applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAI): (a) the statewise details of allocation made by the Planning Commission for Rural Electrification Programme and the physical targets fixed for pumpsets energisation for the year 1992-93 are given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statewise details of RE Programme during 1992-93(outlay and physical targets)

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>States</i>	<i>Target of pumpsets energisation (excluding SPA Programmes)</i>	<i>Outlay (Rs. in lakhs) for pumpsets energisation including village electrification and load intensification works.</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11500	2100
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	1265
3.	Assam	-	1350
4.	Bihar	4250	2355
5.	Goa	-	20
6.	Gujarat	7000	2440
7.	Haryana	14000	3650
8.	Himachal Pradesh	100	500
9.	Jammu & kashmir	100	650
10.	Karnataka	15000	2525
11.	Kerala	3000	650
12.	Madhya Pradesh	25150	8045
13.	Maharashtra	20000	10000
14.	Manipur	-	1400
15.	Maghgalaya	-	475
16.	Mizoram	-	720
17.	Nagaland	50	175
18.	Orissa	4000	3302

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>States</i>	<i>Target of pumpsets energisation (excluding SPA Programmes)</i>	<i>Outlay (Rs. in lakhs) for pumpsets energisation including village electrification and load intermsification works.</i>
19.	Punjab	10000	3800
20.	Rajasthan	20150	6915
21.	Sikkim	-	460
22.	Tamil Nadu	5000	1875
23.	Tripura	100	805
24.	Uttar Pradesh	11350	7400
25.	West Bengal	2000	2795
	Total (STATES)	152750	65672

[*Translation*]

Postal Stamps

7068. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRIASHTBHUJAPRASAD
SHUKLA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA
MAHAJAN:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA
PRABHA URS:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL
PATHAK:
SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI KODIKKUNIL
SURESH:

(a) whether there is a demand for issue of commemorative postal stamps on the Sanskrit Day' (Raksha Bandhan), Singhashta Mela in Madhya Pradesh, Bharati Bhavan Library in Allahabad, freedom fighters and the birth centenary of eminent persons etc; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed commemorative postal stamps likely to be released by the government during 1992?

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

(b) List of proposed commemorative/special postage stamps likely to be released during 1992 is given in the attached statement.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps proposed for the year 1992

Year	No. of vehicles exported	Foreign exchange earnings* (US\$ Millions)
1987-88	713	6.67
1988-89	1408	9.59
1989-90	5223	24.32
1990-91	4908	41.08
1991-92 (Prov)	22901	94.00

* includes domestic sale against foreign exchange.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Decontrol of Molasses

7485. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of sugar of molasses is being wasted due to non-lifting of the allotted quotes by the States;

(b) the quantity of sugar molasses allotted to each State and Union-territory during the last two years; year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to decontrol the molasses; and

(d) if so, the date by which it is proposed to be decontrolled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government is not aware of any large quantity of molasses being wasted due to non-lifting of the allotted quantity by the states Government.

(b) A Statement indicating the inter-state allocations of molasses made in favour of deficit States and U.Ts. during the last 2 years is Annexed.

(c) and (d). No such decision has been taken so far.

STATEMENT

(Figures in Tonnes)

Name of State/UT	Inter-State allocated of Molasses made	
	(Alcohol Year) 1989-90	(Alcohol Year) 1990-91
1. Andhra Pradesh	1,70,000	70,000
2. Assam	100	100
3. Chandigarh	500	860
4. Dadra & NH	500	230
5. Daman	17,300	13,000
6. Delhi	2,000	1,750

(Figures in Tonnes)

<i>Name of State/UT</i>	<i>Inter-State allocated of Molasses made</i>	
	<i>(Alcohol Year)</i> 1989-90	<i>(Alcohol Year)</i> 1990-91
7. Gujarat	40,000	-
8. Himachal Pradesh	5,000	9,800
9. Jammu & Kashmir	14,700	12,300
10. Kerala	83,000	34,000
11. Madhya Pradesh	2,42,500	2,32,500
12. Meghalaya	25	1,025
13. Nagaland	7,000	-
14. Orissa	20,900	20,000
15. Punjab	59,000	45,500
16. Rajasthan	35,200	33,500
17. Sikkim	2,400	-
18. Tripura	75	75
19. West Bengal	1,02,300	65,000

Repair of Houses in Mori Gate Area

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

7486. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 18, 1991 to Unstarred Question No.4355 and state:

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

(a) whether the information with regard to the repair of houses in Mori Gate and Kashmir Gate areas have since been collected;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The assurance given to Unstarred Question No. 4355 for 18th December, 1991 has since been fulfilled as per statement attached.

(c) In view of above, the question does not arise.

today after an elaborate discussion the other day, the most prudent course for us would have been to make a representation to the Speaker; to wait for the response of the Government and then take up the matter again. Sir, it is unfortunate that when there are so many items on the List of Business for the day, we are not at all caring for it and we are just trying to pass judgment against the Government without even waiting for the Government to respond.

Sir, we know that the Secretary General of the United Nations is in the country today. The Prime Minister did not know that this news items would appear in the papers today. His programme was already made. Now, it has been told by the hon. Minister for parliamentary Affairs that the Prime Minister is coming to the House at 5.00 pm. Sir, more than two.....

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): No.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, in any case, we should have not taken up the item today. We should have waited for the Government to respond....(Interruptions)

Sir, I hope, the hon. Members would give me time to make my point.

Sir, this matter has been taken up a number of times here. It is one thing to sound rhetoric while referring to some shadows of doubt as to what the Prime Minister had said, but the impassioned speech that he made, the promise that he held out that he would look into the matter himself, left no scope of doubt to raise even a finger against the intention of the Government. And if one news items appears today, I repeat with all humility, that we should not have rushed to take the time of the House in this manner.....

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Let the Prime Minister rush. Why is he not rushing into the House to make a statement?

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Does

he know that this news item would come up in the papers today?

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Does he not read the newspapers?

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): MR. Speaker, Sir, I do not want to repeat what my colleagues have already brought to your kind notice. But I would like to say, with all humility, and I may be excused for saying so, that the revelations today give an impression that this Government has deliberately tried to fool on 1st April this august House which is the supreme body in our Parliamentary democracy.

Sir, it gives such an impression and in all fairness, the Government must categorically come forward to deny the news, if it is false.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would also like to bring to the notice of this Government, through you, and want a clear clarification regarding this point. My information is that on April 8, the Switzerland Government, had sought further clarification from this Government regarding Mr. Win Chadha's petition in the Delhi High Court. You are aware that no information need to have been passed about that petition at all. It is only with the sole objective to delay and stop the final judgment there that a copy of that petition and information regarding that petition was sent there. In spite of this House discussing about this issue on April 1, will now, the Government of India has not yet replied regarding that petition. I want this Government to categorically come forward with the facts.

Sir, as long as the Prime Minister does not clarify these things on that day I told that the needle of suspicion will be pointed towards him- this Government will have no moral right to continue in power. That is my humble submission.

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I shall be very brief and I shall not repeat the plea that

farmers on investments in Agriculture and allied activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Pak's Forging of Defence Ties with UK

7675. SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI C. SREENIVASAN:
SHRI ANKUSHRAD
RADSAHEB TOPE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news—item regarding Pakistan's seeking to forge new defence ties with the UK appearing in 'The Economic Times' dated December 12, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it.

Increase in Price of Fertilizers

7676. SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

increase the price of fertilizers in view of increasing allocation for subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the small and marginal farmers are not further affected by the price revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A Joint Parliamentary Committee has been constituted to go into the question of revision of fertilizer prices.

Pending receipt of recommendations of that Committee, there is no proposal, at present, for any increase in price of fertilizers.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Information and Mass Education Cell

7677. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any "Information and Mass Education Cell" functioning for educating the masses and creating awareness among the weaker sections of the society in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details of its activities during 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected.

World Bank Aided Horticulture Project

7678. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Conference on Hindi

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank aided horticulture project in the country is yet to be cleared;

(b) whether Union Government has decided to drop Himachal Pradesh, one of the three projects sites, from the project, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps the Government propose to take to receive the projects; and

(d) the schemes under the project to promote and develop horticulture in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). A Horticulture Development Project for North West Hill Region comprising the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh which was under consideration of the World Bank, was later deleted from their lending programme by the World Bank over the issue of price support for cull grade and 'A' grade apples in Himachal Pradesh.

The Union Government have requested the Government of Himachal Pradesh to reconsider their policy, but there has been no response from them. Later the World Bank was also requested to consider the project for Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, but they have expressed their inability to reconsider the project for Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, but they have expressed their inability to reconsider the project for Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh only.

(d) In view of above, the question does not arise.

7679. SHRI V.N. SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference on Hindi was held abroad recently;

(b) if so, where it was held and the names of Indian participants;

(c) the expenditure incurred on these participants by the Government or by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations; and

(d) the outcome of the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). An International Conference on Hindi was organised in Port of Spain by Hindi Nidhi and the Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago from April 16-20, 1992.

The following Indian participants were nominated by Indian Council for Cultural Relations for participation in this conference.

1. Shri Shanker Dayal Singh, M.P.
2. Shri B.P. Sinha, former Ambassador to Suriname.
3. Shri Yash Pal Jain, Secretary, Sasta Sahitya Mandal.
4. Dr. Rajendra Awasthi, Editor, Kadambari.
5. Dr. Majeda Asad, Head of the Department of Hindi, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

(c) and (d). Expenditure incurred by Indian Council for Cultural Relations is Rs. 4.5 Lakhs, which covered visit by the dele-

before all our friends here. The note referred to the status of the cases pending here. It did not say and Mr. Solanki did not ask anybody there that the Government of India was interested in delaying the matter. After that, had our friends been honest, had our friends been true to their duties.....

MR. SPEAKER: It is not necessary. Please understand.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: All that has been said. All innuendos had been unleashed by Mr. George Fernandes. I am constrained to say this.

All that I would like to say is that I learn that many questions have been submitted to you and to the Prime Minister by Mr. George Fernandes. I know that it is not within the hands of the Government to ensure that any case in a court takes a particular course.

They want me to pose questions which they did not do. I would like to know: what was the last communication and the date of the communication between the Government of India and the Swiss authorities?

SHRI VIJAY PATIL (Erandol): Sir, my one line question is this. The Bofors case is pending since long. In the interval, there was another Government.

I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister what special efforts were made by that Government to expedite the case. Here one External Affairs Minister has gone because of handing over a note to some authority. There was a Government which came to power by making political capital out of Bofors starting from 1988 — by — election of Allahabad. After that, the Bofors issue was there all over the country. They came to power with a promise to the people of this country that they would expedite the case and they would find out who were the culprits.

MR. SPEAKER: Good question. Please conclude.

SHRI VIJAYA NAVAL PATIL: I want to know: what special efforts were made during that period to expedite the case?

14.00 hrs.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to seek a clarification from the hon. Prime Minister. His statement contained a clear contradiction. On page 1, paragraph 3, it is stated:

"Since, in fact, I had neither authorised the giving of the note nor had any knowledge of the note, the question of Shri Solanki mentioning my name or authority to his counterpart simply could not arise."

Sir, it is further stated:

"Shri Solanki has confirmed this and has emphatically denied having made any reference to me in any manner."

While on page 2 of the statement, the CBI's lawyer in Switzerland, Mr. Marc Bonnant stated:

".....that he was told that the memorandum handed over by Shri Solanki at the request of the Prime Minister."

So, at some level, somebody should be hiding the fact. This lawyer, a responsible person who is acting on behalf of the CBI, has written a letter seeking some clarification from the Government. It is not so simple. We cannot take it so lightly. Let the Prime Minister say whether this contradiction has been examined as to how that lawyer of the CBI was given that 'impression'. He cannot mention the name of the hon. Prime Minister so lightly or so irresponsibly. How did that lawyer get this impression? From what source at what level? If he is correct, then Shri Solanki must be wrong; if Shri Solanki is correct, the lawyer or the person who has informed his so, must be wrong. The hon.

Prime Minister may kindly clarify this contradiction.

I seek yet another clarification from the hon. Prime Minister. Is it a fact that the lawyers in the Geneva Court who are arguing on behalf of the beneficiaries of the pay-offs have told the court that their papers are not yet ready and that they are expecting a note from the Government of India, shortly? Have they said so? Kindly let me have the clarification from the hon. Prime Minister.

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: I am grateful to the hon. Members for putting pointed questions. These questions do require reference to some of the files and at the earliest opportunity, I will see them answers. I have no problem at all. I have nothing more to add at this stage. Then, about placing the papers on the Table, we have certain rules, we have certain regulations and we have certain conventions. As regards the question whether I can place on the Table of the House a part of the correspondence between two Governments, we will have to go into that. I will go into each of the documents asked for by Shri George Fernandes and give him the reasons — whether I am going to place it or if I am not, I will tell why.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, just one clarification. This does not require any reference to files. On 25th, he received a communication in which a reference has been made to the Prime Minister. All that I wanted to know was, "Did the CBI bring this communication to your notice?" Did you, thereafter, speak to the hon. the then Minister of External Affairs? These two do not require a reference to files..... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: They do require a reference to the files. I will have to talk to the Director once again.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Mr. Prime Minister, are we to take it that you also have no knowledge or information about the identity of that person who handed over the paper?

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: Yours is the first clue! Very valuable! Pinaki Varma / Mishra / Gupta / anything! (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Sir, may I know from the hon. Prime Minister that this Pinaki Mishra..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: What is this? I am not allowing it to go on like this. Why should all the Members speak again?

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Sir, this is very relevant.

MR. SPEAKER: If it is relevant, you should have asked before please sit done.

This House stands adjourned for Lunch to reassemble at 3.05 p.m.

14.05 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Five minutes past Fifteen of the clock

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Eight minutes past Fifteen of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Papers to be Laid.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dum Dum): Sir, I have a point of order. Item no. 3 on the List of Business refers to laying on the Table an order which says, "Supply of fertilisers to be made during the period from the 1st October 1991 to the 31st March, 1992." My objection is that that period is already over and there is no explanatory note along with this paper for the delay in placing it on the Table of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: You can raise it when it comes.

which Government they wanted to have in their State.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to say that the way the provisions of the Constitution are misused and the way the emergency provisions are used off and on, has given birth to a feeling among the people that this Government is not likely to stay any longer and it wants to topple the Opposition Governments in States through the power it is enjoying at the Centre and wants to form its own Governments there which is next to impossible.

I oppose it and make a demand to lift the president's Rule from there immediately.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Sir, why do you deny an opportunity for us?

MR. SPEAKER: There is no time. All right. No repetition but new points should be there. I will remind you when you repeat the points.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, I rise to oppose the Proclamation of imposing president's rule in Nagaland. And the subsequent dismissal of the Governor of Nagaland. This is most unfortunate that you are adopting double standards. When a Congress Government or a Government supported by your party loses majority, you immediately dissolve the Assembly and when the opposition party in power and when they are likely to lose their majority or actually reduced to minority you want to suspend the Assembly and you want to manipulate the MLAs and again instill the Congress government. That is how you are doing all these years.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: This is not a fact

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: In the instant case, the Governor has perfectly acted well within his right and when there is a political break down, he has dissolved the Assembly and has asked for fresh polls. And the caretaker Government is continuing.

18.00 hrs

The center has not only introduced the President's Rule but it has even dismissed the Governor. You are giving a warning to all the Governors of the States that they have to act as your rubber stamp. Is this the principle enshrined in our Constitution? Is this the spirit of our Constitution? Have you forgotten what Babasaheb Ambedkar had said? He stated that the Governor of a State is just like the President of the Union. Then, what business have you got to impose the president's rule and then to dismiss the Governor? This will be sending a very wrong signal and this will completely go against the federal principles that have been enunciated in our Constitution. It is more especially so, when it is a sensitive border State. For your own narrow and partisan Political Purposes, you have already engulfed sensitive border States such as Punjab, Kashmir and Assam in flames. Now you are doing the same in Nagaland too. I want you not to play with the people of this country. Do not play with democratic principles. That is why I oppose the proclamation of President's Rule and the removal of the Governors. It is most unfortunate and most condemnable. I urge upon the Government not to repeat such things in future if you really have any faith in democracy and in federal polity.

[Translation]

SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI (Amreli): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order. According to sub clause 4 of rule 349- when a Member speaks and if any other Member crosses the floor between Mr. speaker and the Member, it is a violation of the rule. It is not good. Just now when an