

(b) Government have been, subject to availability of resources and competing claims, stepping up investment on education. The Eighth plan outlay on education, of Centre and States, is Rs. 19599.73 Crores which is 2.6 times more than the expenditure in the Seventh Plan. Further, the 1993-94 Central Plan outlay on Education is Rs. 1310 Crores which is 37 percent higher than the outlay for 1992-93.

#### **Extention of Motumarri-J aggaiahpet Railway**

1827. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: WILL THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend Motumarri-Jaggaeahpet railway line to Miryalaguda to meet Nadikudi-Bibi Nagar railway line thereby reducing the distance between Vijayawada and Secunderabad;

(b) if so, the likely time by which the survey work is likely to be started in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

#### **Rural University in U.P.**

1828. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for approval and financial assistance for setting up of a Rural University in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SIVGH): (a) No, Sir.

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

#### **Schemes for Promotion of Youths**

1829. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether some new schemes have been introduced by the Government for promotion of youth activities among the youth of backward tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of those schemes implemented so far in each State; and

(c) the number of Such youths assisted?

THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, A new scheme by the name of Special Scheme for Promotion of Youth Activities Among the Youth of Backward Tribes was started in the year 1990-91. Under the scheme, the Department finances exhibitions for youth, vocational training programmes and also national integration camps. The number of programmes implemented as well as the number of youth assisted under the scheme, for each state, from 1990-91 onwards till date, is given in the Statement

(a) whether the Government have conducted any analytical study of the causes for the debacle of Indian Cricket Team during their recent visit to South Africa;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure better performance by the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Review of the team's performance and measures to improve it are matters which fall under the purview of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. No separate analytical study has been undertaken by the Government.

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

[*English*]

#### **Crops Insurance Scheme**

1960. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:  
SHRI DHRMA BHIKSHAM:  
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
SHRI J.CHOKKA RAO:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:  
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced on trial basis in one district in State, Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme on new Lines;

(b) if so, the salient features of the revised Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(c) the districts in which this Scheme has been implemented; and

(d) whether village-wise crop cutting experiments is to be introduced as the basis for payment of compensation for crop loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c). It has been proposed that while the existing comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) may continue, a pilot scheme charging actuarial rates of premia and covering all farmers and preferably at low unit areas.

The details of the scheme and identification of districts are yet to be finalised.

(d) State Government are free to notify any area for implementation of the pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS), provided they have the yield data for the last five years as also the capability of conduction required number of crop cutting experiments at the end of every season in the area notified thereunder.

[*Translation*]

#### **Cancellation of Trains in Bombay**

1961. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Railway cancelled all its local trains in Bombay on February 15, 1993;

(b) if so, the total number of trains cancelled alongwith the period of their cancellation;

expected that the new liberalised regime and the international quality of the Indian technical personnel will attract these companies to set up operations in India. The Electronic Hardware Technology Park Scheme are intended to provide an environment conducive for international operations. The Electronic Hardware Technology Park Scheme and the Software Technology Bank Scheme Links access to the domestic market with the extent of the net foreign exchange earned by a company. This scheme also gives enough flexibility of operation to the companies to enable them to respond promptly to changes in market trends and demands.

#### **Osure of NTC Mills**

2197. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO :  
SHRISOBHANADREESWARA  
RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textile Corporation run Textile Mills are facing the threat of closure;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to remove the tehreat of their closure;

(c) whether Azamjahi Mills at Warangal in Andhra Pradesh is ine such unit; and

(d) the steps taken by the Govern-ment to stop its clusure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES ((SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d). Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC involving modernisation, restructuring and rationalisation of surplus workforce through the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. Voluntary Retirement Scheme will also be

offered to officers, staff and workers of such chronically sick mills, to be closed down or maerged 3with adjacent units to ensure viability. The quesstion of closure or reten-tion of individual mills of NTC including Azamjahi Mills will depend on the impact on viability of labour rationalisation now being done through Voluuntary Retirement Scheme and other Relevant factors. Re-garding Azamjahi Mills, an offer has already been made to the workers to run its on a cooperative basis and concrete proposals are awaited.

#### **Allocation of Funds for Integrated Rural Energy Programme**

2198. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked for the Integrated Rural Energy Programme during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether the Government have made additional allocation for implementing the above programme (I.R.E.P.) in the Eighth Plan;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the target set for electrification in the rural areas under the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). A provi-sion of Rs. 250 crores has been indicated for the centrally sponsored scheme for the I.R.E.P. programe in the Eighth Plan documen to be utilised mainly for develop-ing capabilities for planning and implemen-tation for the Integrated Rural Energy Programme in the States/ UTs. This would include setting up IREP cells at the State

(a) whether RBI and the Government are considering to introduce concurrent audit for the public sector banks;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed system;

(c) whether the proposed system would prevent irregularities in the banks; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be introduced.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that as per the recommendations of Ghosh Committee on Frauds and Malpractice's in Banks, introduction of concurrent audit at the larger branches of public sector banks is under their consideration.

(b) The concurrent auditors at the branches will be required to supplement the efforts of the bank in carrying out simultaneous internal check of transactions and compliance with procedures laid down by the bank. The details of the system are being worked out by RBI.

(c) As the job of concurrent auditors is primarily to oversee the day today operations/transactions especially housekeeping, reconciliation of entries, income leakages etc. it is expected that the proposed system would greatly help in early detection of irregularities and their prevention.

(d) The guidelines in this regard are likely to be issued shortly by RBI.

[*Translation*]

### **Sale of Arms in International Market**

2510. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal in regard to the sale of Indian arms and other Defence/ army equipment's in the international market is under the consideration of the Government;

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

(c) the position of the country in this regard in international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) and (b). Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories are already exporting their products. The steps taken to boost defence exports include policy and procedural liberalisations, utilisation of infrastructure with our Missions abroad, interaction with foreign delegations and undertaking publicity measures. The production agencies have also developed their marketing strategies keeping their target areas for export in view.

(c) A beginning has just been made in this field and no comparison can be drawn with other countries which have been exporting for a long time and have captured substantial share of the defence market. Given the production capabilities in India the potential for export is substantial; but the problems of making entry and of contracting demands have to be contended with.

[*English*]

### **Production of Tobacco**

2511. SHRI SOBHANADRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring tobacco under the purview of Tobacco Board regulation the production and fixing minimum support price to the

growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely time by which it will be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE) (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d). Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco is already under the purview of Tobacco Board. The question of bringing non-virginia tobacco under the purview of the Tobacco Board is under consideration.

#### **Import of Gold by NRIs**

2512. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:  
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA  
CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gold brought into India by the Non-Resident Indians during the year, 1992;

(b) the revenue earned by the Government on this account;

(c) whether the rates of the gold has come down after the introduction of the Gold Import Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A quantity of about 92 tonnes of gold was brought

into India under the Gold Import Scheme during 1992 (March'92 to dec'92). No separate statistics is maintained for import by NRIs.

(b) A revenue of about Rs.210 crores was earned by the Government on this account.

(c) Yes; Sir.

(d) The price of gold, which was @ Rs.4708 per 10 grams in February, 1992 (before introduction of the Gold Import Scheme on March 1, 1992), declined to Rs. 4122 per 10 grams in July, 1992 and to Rs. 4018 per 10 grams in February, 1993.

[Translation]

#### **Bank Loan for Commercial Vehicles**

2513. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no advance is provided by the public sector banks for trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles due to which transporters have to face much inconvenience;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government to ensure that transport organisations can also avail of this bank advance facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c). As per the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), advances to small road

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amounts Written off (Rs. in crores)</i>
1990-91	6.02
1991-92	5.48

The figures for 1992-93 will be compiled after the financial year is over.

Only irrecoverable demands are written off or are remitted under Section 5 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 in respect of excisable goods which due to natural causes are found to be deficient in quantity.

#### **Seizure of Narcotics**

2613. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narcotics Control Bureau officers made a big haul of Methaqualone in Bombay and Ganja in Assam during January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the persons apprehended in this regard; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to check smuggling of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Methaqualone was seized in Bombay on 20 / 21st January, 1993. No big seizure of Ganja has been made by the narcotics

Control bureau in Assam in January, 1993

(b) The officers of Narcotics Control Bureau, Bombay made a seizure of 3200 kgs. on methaqualone powder and 150 kgs. of Methaqualone in granule form during the night of 20 / 21st January, 1993. The drug was attempted to be smuggled out through an export consignment.

(c) Two persons have been arrested.

(d) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined. Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. The fencing of a part of the Indo Pakistan border has also checked smuggling to some extent. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

#### **Import and Export of Foodgrains**

2614. SHRI SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of rice, wheat and coarse foodgrains exported / imported during each of the last three years; and

(b) the average price per ton of rice, wheat and coarse foodgrains in the international market during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ( SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (b) . A statement is attached.

**STATEMENT  
Exports**

Community	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92		Qtv. intons. Value in Rs. lakhs
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rice	4,21,737	42652.06	5,05,029	46157.23	7,11,416	75408.06	
Wheat	11,766	214.11	1,39,470	3113.47	5,68,552	12146.85	
Other cereals	5,954	196.49	7,310	277.02	13,643	674.02	

## Imports

Commodity	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rice	5,44,485	29290.92	66,038	3918.44	12,117	1094.42
Wheat	39,649	2141.52	62,590	2227.12		Not available
Other	94,871	2439.64	1,399	35.23	1,858	41.66

Source: B.G.C.I &amp; S. Calcutta

## International Export Prices

	US \$ Per Tonne		
	1989	1990	1991
1. Rice (Thai 100% 2nd order)	305	278	302
(July-June)			
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
2. Wheat (Us No. 2 hard winter)	161	118	150
3. SorOhum (US No. 2 Yellow)	105	104	110

Source F.P

[English]

### **Water Resources of Coastal Rivers**

2666. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal rivers in the country and the total water resources contained by those rivers;

(b) the total water resources out of them are being utilised for irrigation purposes;

(c) the steps taken to utilise the remaining water of the coastal rivers for irrigation purposes; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). There are numerous coastal rivers which are comparatively small in size. While only a handful of such rivers drain into the Sea near the delta of East Coast, there are as many as 600 such rivers on the West Coast. These rivers can be grouped together as follows:

(i) East Flowing rivers from Mahanadi to Godavari and Krishna to Pennar.

(ii) East Flowing rivers between Pennar and Kanyakumari.

(iii) West Flowing rivers between Kutch and Saurashtra including Loni.

(iv) West Flowing rivers from Tapi to Tadri.

(v) West Flowing rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari.

The average annual flow of these rivers is estimated at 247 cubic kilometres, out of which about 81 cubic kilometres is utilisable. The total storage capacity created so far to utilise these waters is 19.45 cubic kilometres. For utilising the remaining waters of these rivers, projects to create additional storage capacity of 10.93 cubic kilometres are under construction and storage capacity of 5.27 cubic kilometres is under consideration.

### **T.V. Camera Unit at Vijayawada**

2667. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations to sanction a TV camera unit at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh to cover programmes of the coastal districts;

(b) by when it is likely to be set up there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to acute shortage of cameramen in Doordarshan, it is not presently possible to sanction a separate camera unit for Vijayawada. However, in view of the importance of Vijayawada city, the government envisages to set up a TV studio centre there. A project of this nature takes about 4 years for completion after commencement of the civil works at the site.

### **Misuse of STD/ISD Calls in Guwahati**

2668. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of COIMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

**AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):**

(a) Progress was made on the question of human rights in the United Nations General Assembly in 1992, through adoption of Resolutions Nos. 47/111, 47/122, 47/131, 47/134 and 47/137, which inter-alia called for rationalising of reporting procedures under international instruments on human rights, convening of World conference on Human Rights, stressing the principle of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity, urged elimination of extreme poverty and the right of every people to choose freely their own socio-economic and political systems.

(b) The Government of India supported these Resolutions.

**Third Module at Sahar Airport**

2837. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated, February 11, 1993 regarding third module at Sahar airport; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (b). The news report is on a statement of Chairman, International Authority of India (IAAI) on construction of module III International Terminal of Bombay airport, problems being faced at this airport and construction of second airport at Bombay.

IAAI has planned to complete the construction of module III at the International Terminal of Bombay airport during Eighth Plan. So far as construction of the second

airport is concerned, there is no specific proposal at present. In so far as other points raised in the news report are concerned the following are some of the measures taken:-

(i) Maintenance of X-ray machines provided by IAAI and Customs, has been beefed up;

(ii) Ministry of Home Affairs are evolving procedures to remove bottlenecks in speedy clearance at immigration counters.

(iii) State Government have been approached to expedite removal of encroachment; security guards have also been deployed by IAAI to prevent further encroachment.

**Transposer on Gunadala Hill in Vijayawada**

2838. SHRI V. SOBHANA-DREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for setting up of transposer at Gunadala Hill in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh to cover the shadow zones; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. with a view to provide TV service to the shadow areas caused by Gunadala hills, another TV transposer is envisaged to be set up at Vijayawada. subject to the availability of resources.

**DAVP Advertisements to Newspapers**

2839. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

Adjournment Motion.

[English]

SHRI SUBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (VIJAYAWADA) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the adjournment motion moved by my friend, Shri Somnath Chatterjee. This is most unfortunate. Bombay city, which is the economic capital of this country, has suffered so much during the month of January. Apart from the fact that hundreds of people lost their lives in Bombay during the worst communal holocaust, the economic activities in other parts of the country also are very badly affected because goods could not be transported to Bombay and goods could not be received from Bombay. It has got a lot of bearing sphere. Even before normalcy could be restored and a confidence could be inculcated among the people, this unfortunate incident has taken place because of which hundreds of people died and hundreds of people have been seriously injured.

On behalf of our party - Telugu Desam - we express our fullest sympathies to the members of the bereaved families, to those who lost their lives, and also to those who are seriously injured. In this context, I would like to support the suggestion made by Mr. Janarthanan for enhancing the ex gratia assistance to the injured as well as the dependants of the bereaved people due to these bomb blasts.

One other thing is that we had our bitter experience when late Shri Rajiv Gandhi lost his life at Sriperambudur. Unfortunately, some incidents have taken place. Some raits have taken place. The innocent people, who were affected and who lost their businesses, were not helped even after such a long time. That is our bitter experience in spite of the Government assurances. In spite of our best efforts, some people could not be helped. I request the hon. Home Minister to see personally that all those people whose business is affected due to these bomb blasts in Bombay city are again helped to restart the economic activity.

There is a very disturbing news. I will not mention the name because Mr. Somnath Chatterjee and Mr. Jaswant Singh have already mentioned it. Some very important persons have already left this country. This is not the first time. Earlier also, it had hapened like that. There were some economic offenders who had left the country immediately even before they were taken to task.

We have another startling experience.

16.50 hrs.

(MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR) : Sir, when the Special Investigating Team was inquiring into the Sriperambudur incident, that is Shri Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, a very important person who can throw some light, namely Mr. Sivarasan, was allowed to commit suicide wittingly or unwittingly. There were serious apprehensions as to how it happened when he was under the custody of the Special Investigating Team. There were some serious doubts entertained by the people and here is another example where an important person who can give clues on these bomb blasts could escape from our country. Not only himself but all his family members also could escape from our country. I agree with suggestion made by Shri Sharad Dighe that rumours should not be spread. Whoever is behind all these bomb blasts, may be an institution or a person, should definitely be explored and definite conclusions should be arrived at but at the same time, some vicious propaganda spread out intentionally to divide the society and inculcate anger or hatred among a particular community is not in the interest of the nation. I support his suggestion and all the political parties and organisations must keep this in view. I differ with the suggestion made by Mr. Chako. The Opposition or most of the Opposition parties was always cooperating with the Government on important issues but it is your Government which has failed to stand up to its duty. In spite of the National Integration Council's support to the Government, it is this Government which has failed in its task and

hon. Minister if something is being done for the sugarcane farmers of Uttar Pradesh, to provide them the technical knowledge by setting up Sugarcane Research Board or Research Centre in Uttar Pradesh under the National Scheme. If it is so, what is the proposed plan of action of the hon. Minister?

[English]

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: In Uttar Pradesh, there are three institutions which are doing this job. There is no problem in that.

[Translation]

SHRI HARCHAND SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister belongs to Punjab. The sugarcane growers in Punjab are suffering loss while the Government sugar mills claim that they have to suffer the loss by purchasing the sugarcane. So, should sugarcane not be grown.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: It is a highly technical question.

[Translation]

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: We will have to ask the State Government about it. The efficiency of the mill management will have to be monitored and if need be they will have to be pulled up for lapses. (Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI SABHANADRSWAR RAO VADDE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the entire scenario of the sugar production can be changed drastically in Uttar Pradesh. In the answer, the Minister has stated that Uttar Pradesh produces nearly 47 per cent of the total sugar production. But is it not a fact that there is a low yield per hectare, that is 45 tonnes per hectare when compared with Tamil Nadu's 100 per cent yield and Maharashtra's 92 per cent yield and conse-

quent low yield of sugar per hectare of only 4.3 tonnes as against 10 tonnes of yield per hectare in Maharashtra?

One of the basic reasons is that till now, 20 per cent of the sugarcane producing area in Uttar Pradesh is not having the irrigation facilities. In view of this fact, will the Government take all possible steps to provide irrigation facilities just like in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and in all other States where 100 per cent irrigation facilities are there? Uttar Pradesh is having only 85 per cent irrigation facilities. So, will the Government take adequate steps to provide funds from the rural developmental programmes to provide irrigation facilities to sugarcane growers there?

MR. SPEAKER: We have Irrigation Ministry for this purpose.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: There the production is much more. There the period is ten to fifteen months and this crop takes eight to nine months. That is the problem; that takes more maturing period and more water is needed. I think we have to concentrate on the conservation of water in this respect. I am trying to convey it to the extension services that these things should be done on drip irrigation basis, so that we save water. You are using too much of water. The other crops go dry because of that. We must conserve water, we must take to other crops also.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR: Hon. Speaker, Sir, many factories are lying closed in Maharashtra due to drought and the low production of sugarcane. Will the Government provide aid and loan for the sugarcane development and consider setting up a Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Marathawada?

SHRI ARVIND NETAM: The hon. lady Member has said that the sugarcane production has gone down but as far as I know there is not a steep fall in the sugarcane production. We will also consider setting up of a Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

(ii) Operation of relief camps

(iii) Dropping of food packets in the marooned areas.

(iv) Ex-gratia payments to the families of the deceased.

(v) Assistance for repair of damaged houses.

(vi) Agriculture input subsidy

(vii) Assistance to artisans in the handloom sector.

[*Translation*]

**Black Marketing of Kerosene Oil in U.P.**

2917. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:  
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted during last year on the Kerosene oil Depots in Uttar Pradesh to check the black marketing of Kerosene oil;

(b) the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of dealerships cancelled during the previous year due to black marketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**UNDP Assistance**

2918. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have agreed to provide financial for consumer education and other research work in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance and the time by which it is likely to be received; and

(c) the details of specific projects on which this assistance is proposed to respend?

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

(b) and (c). Under this programme UNDP has agreed to provide financial assistance of US \$ 6,15,000/- in two phases to Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, a voluntary consumer organisation for enhancing the capabilities of CERC by establishing comparative testing facilities for food items, domestic electrical appliances and pharmaceuticals. The project document for this project was signed with UNDP on 18th September, 1992 and will be implemented over a period of two years.

[*English*]

**Public and Private Sector Investment in Agriculture Sector**

2919. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the public and private investment in Agriculture sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the investment has decreased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase such

investments on agriculture sector to tap unrealised potential in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). Gross Capital formation in agriculture and allied activities, which represent investment in physical assets, during 1988-89 to 1991-92 at 1980-81 prices are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Private Sector	Public Sector	Total
1988-89	2985	1680	4665
1989-90	3191	1427	4618
1990-91	3421	1538	4959
1991-92	3537 <sup>@</sup>	1360	4897

<sup>@</sup> Quice estimates

(c) The thrust in public sector investments in agriculture during the peiod has been on optimising investments already, made rather than making new start with huge investments

(d) The strategy to increase capital formation in agriculture will include increasing the proportion of planned investment for development of infrastructure, more efficient use of resources to raise productivity and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers to induce them to go for higher investments in agriculture.

#### Financial Assistance to Karnataka for 'Akshaya' Scheme

2920. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance for its scheme "Akashaya" for the benefit of poor children of school going age;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided or proposed to be provided by the Union Government therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

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

are being taken to prevent thefts of railway property and to recover the stolen goods:-

1. Escorting of trains carrying valuable and important consignments as far as possible.
2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other vulnerable areas/ sections.
3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the condition of wagons carrying consignments. Vulnerable to theft etc. for localising the place of occurrence.
4. RPF armed pickets are posted/ deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
5. Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals and receivers of the stolen railway property.
6. Log squads are deployed for patrolling in vulnerable yards and areas as per their availability.
7. Close co-ordination between the RPF, the GRP and the local police is maintained at various levels to deal with criminals and receivers of stolen property.

[English]

#### **Employment in Agricultural Sector**

2996. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment in Agriculture Sector has declined during the last four decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the employment in Agriculture Sector?

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

(b) The number of persons engaged in Agriculture as cultivators and agricultural labourers has gone up from 97.2 million in 1951 to 185.2 million in 1991.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) For expansion of employment in Agricultural Sector, the Eighth Five Year Plan lays stress on growth and diversification of agriculture into high value items including horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, etc.

[Translation]

#### **Irregularities by Depots of C.W. C.**

2997. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been found during inspection of the various depots under the control of the Central Warehousing Corporation;

Work on all these projects has been started. Work on Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath (63 kms.) and Aurangabad-Jalna (64 kms.) has been completed in 1992-93 and Jana-Parbhani-Purna (144 kms.) and Gondia-Wadsa (104 kms.) are targetted for completion during 1993-94.

(d) and (e). In addition to the lines mentioned in the reply at (b) & (c) above, Government of Maharashtra has recommended giving priority to Sholapur-Bijapur conversion from MG to BG. This work has been included in the Action Plan and would be taken up when some of the on-going projects are completed.

### **Wagons for Gujarat**

3028. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has asked for more than 500 special types of wagons for fast unloading of coal for the industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

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

### **Adult Education**

3029. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:  
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

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

(a) whether Adult Education Programme in the Capital is suffering due to prolonged delays in release of allocated funds and supply of basic teaching and learning equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to make the programme effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Nevertheless, steps are being taken by Delhi Administration to further streamline the procedure.

### **Accidents between Vijayawada and Ongole Sections**

3030. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of accidents/derailments is increasing between Vijayawada-Ongole sections of South Central Railway

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number and details of these accident/derailments during the last one year; and

(d) the preventive measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Six accidents, including one collision and five derailments occurred on Vijayawada-Ongole section on South Central Railway during the period

January to December, 1992 as against two accidents, both derailments, that occurred during the period January to December, 1991.

The causes of six accidents have been identified as under:

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| (i) Failure of 'Permanent Way' staff | : 2 |
| (ii) Negligence of driver            | : 1 |
| (iii) Failure of track equipment     | : 2 |
| (iv) Incidental                      | : 1 |
- (d) The following measures are being taken to eliminate accidents:-
- (i) Intensive work of through welding on this section is undertaken to improve the track structure.
  - (ii) Renewals and repairs of the rails and sleepers on the section is accelerated.
  - (iii) Additional track machines are being deployed for improved maintenance of the track on the section.
  - (iv) Counselling and monitoring of the drivers and other staff of safety categories has been intensified.
  - (v) Random check of drivers by breathalyser is also undertaken.
  - (vi) Intensive inspections of track, telecom gears and maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives are conducted.
  - (vii) Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles is being resorted to identify fractures.

[*Translation*]

### **Railway Line in Backward Areas**

3031. SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR:  
SHRI KESRI LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme for extension of railway line to backward areas not connected by rail so far during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### **Death of Rhinos**

3032 SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian rhinos died during the last three years in different zoological parks in the country and reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry from time to time in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent avoidable lossess of these numbered animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Zoos

[English]

**SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE** (Vijayawada): Mr. Chairman Sir, I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak a few words on this important Bill.

First of all, I would like to read out a few lines from the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I quote:

“ The unevenly distributed energy sources in the country, the multiplicity of authorities for generating power and planning, construction, operating and maintaining transmission lines ” end so on and so forth..

The Government is bringing this Bill because of multiplicity of organisations. I would like to know from the hon. Minister during his reply, after the discussion, why Nuclear Power Corporation, Nevili Lignite Corporation, and Demoder Valley Corporation (DVC) have been left out from this Bill. The leaving out of those organisations from the purview of this Bill is contrary to the very objective with which this Bill has been brought forward.

Secondly, regarding the transfer of assets, it is stated, that at a very low book value the assets should be transferred to this new Corporation. I do not understand the reason and the logic for this. When the Government is saying that it is moving towards market oriented economy, why should these assets be given at such a throw away prices? In stead why should not the current value minus depreciation be taken into consideration?

Thirdly, I would like to point out that the Government is bringing this Bill as per the dictates of the World Bank because the Government have approached for 1.2 billion loan for power projects. They have put such conditionalities. which the Government wants to abide and the letter Shri R. Vasudevan wrote to Shri Vergin clearly states this fact. I feel that this should not have been the cases. Our interest should be the upper-

most, rather than going by the dictates of the World Bank or some other agencies.

The other point which I would like to make is that several power project are being cleared and we are haply over this because power is a very important input, whether for industry or for agriculture or for any other sector. But I do not understand that without adequate coal linkage, without adequately getting out the natural gas from underneath the earth, how can all these projects come into being. What are the steps that have been taken to improve the coal production? In fact, in Andhra Pradesh, we are not able to have adequate coal linkage. For the gas-based power projects that have been proposed in the coastal Andhra Pradesh - in East Godavari district or West Godavari district or Visakhpathnam district - now the revised estimates say that gas will not be available to the extent of the estimated quantity that had been stated earlier. Because of this, some projects which had to be taken up earlier, will now have to be given a go bye. When such is the situation, the efforts of the Government should be much more, for production of coal and natural gas. As a corollary, of course, the power projects should then be definitely brought into existence. My submission to the Government is to appoint a Joint parliamentary Committee of both the House of parliament, to go in depth into the several aspects of this Bill which have very far reaching consequences over the economy, the employees and various other important spheres. So, I urge upon the Government to agree for the appointment of a Joint parliamentary Committee.

Lastly, I appeal to the Government that kindly do not insist increase of the agricultural power tariff to fifty paise, which will ruin the agricultural economy of this country. It may be a fact that present the tariff, both for industrial and agricultural sector, may be less compared to other developed countries, but the average per capita income level of the farmers of this country, the average per capital income of the average people of this country should also be taken into consideration, compared to the average in-

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come of the poor people in other countries. Just going by the dictates of the IMF or the World Bank, you will be taking this country to the brink of disaster.

So, I appeal to the Government to reduce the transmission losses and thereby save the money and help the farmers and the ordinary people of this country.

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVA): Sir, the whole debate has gone far beyond the scope of the Bill itself but I assure you that I will try to be as brief as I can.

I am extremely grateful to the Members who have participated in this Debate. Money of them have made very valuable contribution. Equally I am impressed by the produced knowledge of the subject of the power sector, which is so evident in this debate on the part of several hon. Members.

So far as I and my hon. colleague are concerned, we are new to the power sector. But detriminately and studiously, we are pursuing our subject and very shortly we will be catching up with it, when perhaps we will be more authoritative. (Interruptions)

AN. HON. MEMBER: By that time you will be out of power.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVA: I thought we were taking the debate seriously.

Sir, with conviction I can say one thing that after I have given my reply and clarified many of the points raised, many of the criticisms leveled would be found to be ill-founded, after my part of the sequence is heard, and I only request the hon. Members to keep their open and bear with me with a little patience.

Sir, to me with conviction I want to submit, all these legalities apart that the

heart of the matter, with which Nitish ji will agree, is creation of a national transmission system run by nodal functional expert corporation to wheel the power throughout the length and breadth of the country with reliability, security and economy and thereby optimise the profitability, maximise the production of the power sector. What we have done, I submit with all humility to the Members concerned, is the first step towards it.

Various points were raised why have you taken only three? I am going to inform that we have not rest content by taking only three. We have proceeded further, We have taken the transmission of other companies also. That meets one of the very important points raised by Shri Nitish Kumar. He said he was not against national transmission system or national power grid. He said why are we taking only three companies. That was his criticism. I will show you we have also taken transmission of some other companies.

To be brief, I think the best course will be that I deal point by point. The first point was raised by hon. Shri George Fernandes on a matter of constitutional law though he was ruled out in the beginning. He said, and I quote:

"Parliament is not competent to legislate against the sovereignty of the nation".

His argument in the point raised by him was that in enacting this Bill we are legislating against the sovereignty of the nation itself. It was a very strong point. He argued that point vehemently. He also said:

"It is the country's sovereignty which is being taken for granted."

He requested the Chair;

"You hold this Bill as totally beyond the legislative competence of the House because the House cannot write off its sovereignty."

I am surprised I have known Shri Fernandes for several years. He and I, we

[English]

### **Training to Youths for Setting up of Tiny Units**

3119. DR. PARSHURAM GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy/programme involving private sector and voluntary agencies for imparting training to youths willing to set up tiny units in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of the policy/programme and

(c) the time by which this policy/programme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES): (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Policy Measures announced on 6/8/91 for promoting and strengthening of Small, Tiny and Village Industries, the Govt. will continue to support first generation entrepreneurs through training and will support their efforts. Industry Associations would also be encouraged to participate in this venture effectively.

(c) Towards implementation of the Policy Measures announced, it has been decided to recognise EDP Institutes established by voluntary organisations/non-Govt. organisations for getting registration with the Directorate of Industries in the category of small scale (industry related) service/business enterprises. They will be entitled to avail the benefits available to small scale industries unties their investment in fixed assets excluding land and building exceeds Rs. 5.00 lakhs. This decision has been

communicated to all the State Governments for implementation.

### **Small/Medium Industries with Foreign Collaboration**

3120. SHRI ACHARLES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have signed any agreements with some foreign countries for starting of major, medium and small scale industries in the country after the declaration of new economic policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of foreign investment involved/expected thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Technical/Financial collaboration agreements for setting up of industries are generally signed at the Industry level, and it is an on-going process. However, during the period from August '91 to land '93 a total number of 2237 foreign collaborations (both technical and financial) involving an investment of Rs. 5110 cross have been approved.

### **Production and Sale of Cotton**

3121. SHRI SOBHANADRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93;

(b) the quantity of cotton sold by the farmers; and

(c) whether the Cotton Corporation of

India propose to purchase cotton in Andhra Pradesh to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93 cotton season has been estimated in the range of 16 to 17 lakh bales.

(b) and (c). As per the information available, there have been arrival of 12.25 lakh bales of cotton in the market in Andhra Pradesh till 11th March, 1993. The Cotton Corporation of India has so far purchased near one lakh bales and the purchase is in progress.

#### **Development Schemes of West Bengal**

3122. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate new development schemes for West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by the which these are likely to be implemented;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

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

(d) State Development Schemes are formulated by the States.

#### **Marketing Facilities for Handloom Sector in Kerala**

3123. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handloom sector in Kerala is facing any marketing problem;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken by the Union Government to help this sector and solve marketing problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has informed that increase in input costs has resulted in the cost of production of handloom items and consequently facing severe competition with the powerloom and mill made textile items.

(c) The ongoing Plan schemes implemented during the Seventh Plan have been suitably revised wherever necessary and a number of new schemes like margin money for destitute weavers, integrated handloom village development scheme, Group insurance scheme and new project package scheme have been approved for implementation during the Eighth Plan.

In order to solve marketing problems, the Union Government provides Market Development Assistance to handloom agencies. National Handloom Exports are held every year in metropolitan cities to boost marketing of handlooms. The Government is also implementing National Designs Collection Scheme which has three main components viz., documentation and commercialisation of traditional and contemporary designs and organisation of exhibition-cut-sale of the products. The National

despatches and liquidate these stocks, coal companies are improving their coordination efforts with railways. To improve the off-take by road, two schemes have been formulated for selling coal under the Liberalised Sale Scheme (LSS). LSS-I is for small buyers requiring coal from one truck to 1000 tonnes while LSS-II is for major consumers requiring 10,000 tonnes and above. Coal India Limited have also recently launched a scheme for developing whole sale trade in coal. Under this scheme, the subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd. will appoint wholesale traders on the basis of applications invited through open advertisements. It is stipulated that each dealer shall lift atleast 3000 tones of coal per month by road.

#### **Commission to Petrol and Diesel Dealers**

\*332. SHRI SOBHANADREE SWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petrol and diesel dealers have been representing to the Government to enhance the commission payable to them;

(b) whether the Government had assured to take a decision soon in this regard;

(c) whether a decision has since been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e). The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

#### **Life Line Hospital Scheme**

\*333. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a new scheme on the lines of 'Life Line Hospital Scheme.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States likely to be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

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

#### **Research in Family Planning**

\*334. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

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

(a) the details of the funds allocated for the research component under the Family Planning Programme during the year 1992-93;

(b) the details of the achievements made as a result thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated for this programme during the year 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Fencing is required to be erected in certain selected stretches at a minimum distance of 150 yards away from the international bordered.

(b) Since the exch alignment for fencing is West Bengal is being worked out, the total area of land between the proposed fencing and border lines cannot be indicated. However, for use of land between fencing and zero line by cultivators, graziers and owners, gates are proposed to be provided in the fencing at regular intervals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Gas Flaring at Bombay High**

3386. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken up Rs. 7290 crores World Bank aided project to eliminate gas flaring at Bombay High;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the project so far;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the estimated quantity of gas to be utilised after the completion of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) The Oil & Natural Gas Commission is implementing a GAS Flaring Reduction Project in the Western Offshore, which is expected to cost US\$3.2 billion. The

World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US \$ 450 million for the project.

(b) Rupees 520 crores approximately, as on 15th March, 1993.

(c) The project is expected to be completed in phases from April 1994 to February 1996.

(d) After completion of the project, the availability of gas is projected to be 57 MMSCMD from the presently level of around 32 MMSCMD.

[*Translation*]

#### **Prevention of Blindness**

3387. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blind persons at present in each State;

(b) whether the World Bank aid was received for prevention of blindness;

(c) if so, the States where this programme is being implemented; and

(d) the achievement made during the last year under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) and (c). A project seeking financial assistance from the World Bank for the control of blindness in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamil Nadu has been prepared and is presently under consideration of the Bank.

The Number of cataract operations went up from 1.19 million in 1990-91 to 1.50 million in 1991-92, Steps were taken to

augment the facilities for eye care through district Mobile Units and creation of permanent facilities for eye care.

issued by the Central government in April, 1990 to the State Governments/U.T. Administrations payment of Rs. 500/- per month the widow of victim of communal riots belonging to low income group has been suggested. However, maintenance of Public order being State subject, it is the State Government which take a view on the nature and quantum of relief.

### **Compulsory Health Scheme for Coal Mine Workers**

3426. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced compulsory health scheme for the welfare of coal mine workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the physical targets fixed and financial allocations made for this schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA).

(a) to (c). Mines Rules, 1955 provide for compulsory periodical medical check up of coal workers once in every five years as per prescribed standard format. Besides, a decision has been taken on 10.2.1993 to carry out rotational health check up of each coal worker once in three months and a health Card for the purpose has been introduced. As the existing medical facilities will be used for the above purposes, no additional financial allocations are considered necessary

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### **Supply of Coal to Power Plants and Steel Plants by BCCL**

3427. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of different grades of coal supplied to the different power plants and steel plants and steel plants, separately, by the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) during the last three years;

(b) the grades of coal found after the quality control test by these plants;

(c) whether any discrepancy was found in the grades;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(e) whether any loss has been suffered by BCCL due to it; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA):

(a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be it laid on the Table of the House.

### **Persons Arrested without Warrants in Delhi**

3428. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested by police in Delhi without warrants during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of cases reported to the Government regarding torturing of innocent citizens by the Delhi Police during the above period; and

(c) the number of police officials against whom action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED). (a) The number of persons arrested by Delhi Police without warrant dur-

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small sector so that the Gandhiji's vision of rural India is achieved. India grows only when the rural India is built up and that can be done only with the development of the small and tiny industrial sector.

The Khadi and Village Industries is the major sector; but unfortunately, almost 80 per cent of the units are now functioning under the Khadi and Village Industries Board of the States or the Commission of the Centre are not. The main problem is that they are not getting their payments even from the Government. I am sure this Bill is going to help the khadi and village industries sector to a large extent so that their payments are not delayed. This is one of the sectors where the number of women employees is the latest. About 90 per cent of the workers in the khadi and village industries sector are women. Only when women are given the opportunities of employment when they are made economically free, their families will get the minimum requirement for their survival. We should help those industries.

Then, I come to the inability of the small industries to compete with the multinationals. As a result of the liberalisation, I am afraid this will become a more serious problem. So, as suggested by an Member on the other side, I feel there should be some sort of incentive or some arrangement for export. An export promotion council should be set up exclusively for the small industries sector, that is for products of the traditional industries, such as coir. A lot of opportunities are there for export. But the small and tiny industries, which are looking after those industries, are unable to find out market outside the country and even within the State. The export promotion council could help a lot in finding out market for them, in coordinating and monitoring and encourage these industries. I feel that this Bill is a first step which will help them in getting the payment from buyers.

They have a lot of other problems which should be looked into. I request the hon.

Minister to bring forward another Bill, I am stressing upon two important issues. The Small Industries Development Bank of India should be made an effective instrument so that they may give the necessary working capital to small units. Secondly, the Khadi Commission should be strengthened. All the units working under them should be made effective.

I think, the hon. Minister might be knowing about another problem in Kerala, the honey-bees suffered from a disease in several districts. This industry has been wiped out throughout the State. Several thousands of workers are now without any job. They are trying to rebuild the industry. This was brought to the notice of the Government of India. The then Minister, Prof. P. J. Kunen, camped there. He was convinced about the problem. He promised Rs. 2 crore. In reply to an unstarred question, I was given an answer about this. But only Rs. 50 lakh have been released. The financial year is coming to a close. I will plead with the hon. Minister to look into this particular issue and see that Rs. 2 crore promised by the then Minister are given to the State so that thousands of workers who were engaged in the honey-bee industry and are now jobless, could get employment and the industry could also be rebuilt.

With these words, I support the Bill. I also thank you for the time given to me.

SHRI SOBHANADREESHWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. We have been insisting on bringing forward such a Bill to protect the interests of the small scale sector. The contribution of the small scale sector cannot be brushed aside in view of its largest potentiality for employment generation and for generation of goods and services. So, we support and express our happiness for bringing forward this Bill, but this Bill has still got certain deficiencies, though this measure will help to some extent by forcing the bigger industrialists to pay the amounts due to the small scale sector and tiny sector. The particular provision of only five per cent above the floor rate for compa-

rable lending is there. It is not to the required extent in Clause 4 and five per cent still may favour to some extent those big industrialists or big business people who are not promptly paying the dues to the small scale people who are supplying goods to them. But still, this five per cent is less than the ordinary bank lending rate. So, he has some advantage still. He may still try to drag on the payment for some more time. So, I suggest to the Government to reconsider this particular aspect and to enhance it to at least 8 or 9 per cent, if you really want to discourage those big people from delaying the payments to the small entrepreneurs. Of course, I agree with the provisions in Clause 7 under which if he has to go to an appeal, he has to deposit 75 per cent. This is a good measure. Similarly, Clause 9 says that the interest paid on delayed payment cannot be deducted from income tax. I really congratulate the hon. Minister for the provisions. As some of my colleagues who have spoken prior to me have said, this Bill alone is not going to solve the problems of the small scale sector. I am happy that Mr. Arunchalam is showing lot of interest in small scale sector and making several statements in this direction. But what the Government says and does are different. No less a person than the Prime Minister has said categorically more than a year back if I remember correctly, that inspector raj will come to an end. What does it mean? Prime Minister has categorically stated that inspector raj will come to a close and the Government will not allow any inspector to harass the small scale sector people or the small entrepreneurs having tiny units. Has that statement of the Prime Minister come to reality? No. Still large number of inspectors from various departments are making frequent visits to the small scale units and trying to harass them. In spite of certain policy measures announced by the Government at the central level, till now, the State Governments have not taken the necessary action to give a shape to them and more so, it is the case with the district administration. If an entrepreneur wants to start a tiny unit, he has to take permission from 16 departments and it will take several months for it. They will examine one aspect after another. Only after the first aspect is

examined, the second aspect will be taken up. And this will take any length of time. The policy changes that have been initiated at the centre in the name of liberalisation or whatever name we give, is not perceptible at the district level. Things are moving in the same direction. Till now, deregulation has not taken place at the grass root level and still bureaucracy has the stranglehold on the entire process of industrial growth or industrialisation.

I have earlier appreciated your effort in bringing forward this Bill. I suggest one thing to the Government. Why don't you take suitable steps to provide more credit facilities to the small scale sector and tiny sector. Though the small scale sector and the medium scale sector are contributing nearly one lakh and sixty thousand crores worth of production to our Gross Domestic Product, yet they do not get enough capital. How much capital are you giving to these sectors? It is just around Rs. 20,000 crores. But you are giving Rs. 58,000 crore either as working capital plus term loans to the large sector. Government has admitted, the hon. Minister has himself admitted the fact that the small scale sector is contributing 40 per cent towards the exports of our products to outside countries. Even then, why are you giving this sort of a step-motherly treatment to the small sector? It is high time that you kindly reconsider your policies and issue suitable and clear instructions to the Reserve Bank of India and the financial institutions to make more capital available to the small scale sector.

Just see what is happening in the large sector? The capital issues are brought forth by the large scale sector and almost 90 per cent of the capital comes from the small investors. And a very few people who are at the helm of affairs are controlling the entire thing. In addition, they also have the facility of mutual fund assistance, some market funds and so on. But there is no such facility extended to the small scale sector. It is suffering mainly due to want of working capital. That is why, I also suggest to the Government to enhance the limit with regard to the tiny sector. Without any hesita-

[Sh. Sobhanadreeshwara Rao Vadde]

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY  
(Karishnagar): Chairman, Sir, I thank you for calling my name.

tion, you have removed the upper limit for MRTP, which was Rs. 100 crore earlier. Now you are allowing Rs. 200 crore or Rs. 300 crore or to any extent. There is no limit at all. Why don't you enhance the limit for tiny sector from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs? You just see what is the cost of steel, what is the cost of iron and ferro-alloys. If you want to be practical and if you really want to encourage the tiny sector, then please enhance the limit.

I also request the Government to provide more representation of the small scale sector on the Small Industries Development Bank of India. I say this because more representatives can effectively protect the interests of the small scale sector.

Finally, I urge upon the Government to constitute a National Commission on Small Scale Sector to study in depth the problems of this sector, and suggest solutions. As you know, Mahatma Gandhi advocated the philosophy of small sector. Many people think his views are not relevant to the present times. But I can definitely say that for centuries to come, his advice is the only way that can help this country. This is the only sector which can provide employment on a large scale. In a backward country like ours, where 371 lakhs of unemployed people on the live registers of our Employment Exchanges are awaiting some kind of employment, this is the only sector which can assure more and more jobs. In the absence of employment opportunities, a lot of social tension is mounting in our society and different parts of our nation are already in flames. So, it is high time that the Government must in all seriousness examine the relevance of Gandhiji's preaching. And I hope that the Government will constitute the National Commission on Small Scale Sector to go in depth into these issues and come forward with better solutions so that a clear path, at least in the near future, can lead this country to prosperity. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

The present Bill seeks to replace the ordinance which was promulgated on the 31st September, 1992 and re-promulgated on the 2nd January, 1993 for making provision for interest on delayed payments to small scale and ancillary industries. Such an enactment was a long standing and legitimate demand of the small scale sector. So, the present Bill is no doubt a welcome step which was long overdue. But, while wholeheartedly supporting the Bill I would also like to say that the small scale and ancillary industry cannot prosper or even be saved by merely making a provision for the interest on delayed payments.

So far as sickness is concerned, you know that the small scale sector is the main victim. A large number of small scale industries have either been closed or are going to be closed. So, by merely bringing one provision for payment of interest, the problem will not be solved.

The problem is not only confined to that of working capital, as has been stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. The problems are manifold. There are problems of raw material, marketing, infrastructural facilities, etc. etc. Above all, the new Industrial Policy resolution which has been adopted at the behest of the imperial financial agencies, the position has become the worst; because, as you know, through this Industrial Policy the small scale sector and all either ancillary industries have been thrown to unequal competition. The door has been opened and the Indian monopolists and foreign multinationals are not at total liberty to invade this sector. In that case what will be the fate of the small scale sector, one can easily imagine. That is being demonstrated also through the growing sickness of the industries in this sector.

Too much protectionism may not be desirable but the imperative need for giving proper protection to this vital sector can be ignored only at the cost of national interest.

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 3 proposals relating to alignment plans of NH - 17 in Kerala for the stretches km. 18/05 to 19/00, km. 342/947 to 368/400 and km. 214/00 to 225/00 have been received from the State Government.

(b) As the phased programme for development of NH-17 called for from the State Government is still awaited, it is too early to indicate the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared.

### **Agreements on Border Trade**

\*360. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreements on border trade have been signed with some foreign countries during 1992 and till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether some products of Sikkim are also proposed to be considered for exports in these trade agreements;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e). At present India has border trade agreement with People's Republic of China. A Memorandum on resumption of border trade was signed with the Government of People's Republic of China on 13.12.1991. This Memorandum provides that the border trade would be confined initially to Gunji in the Pithoragarh District of U.P. in India and Pulan in the Tibet Autonomous Region of

People's Republic of China across the Lipulekh pass. The Memorandum also provides for extension of border trade to other points on India China border after mutual consultations. In the 4th session of India-China Joint Group meeting on Economic Relations and Trade, Science and Technology held in Beijing on 4-5 January, 1993 both sides agreed, in principle for extension of border trade to other points on the Indian China border. Details in this regard are under consideration.

### **Anti-Dumping Action Against Importers of PVC Resin etc.**

\*3466. SHRI S.B. THORAT: SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some companies particularly multinational companies are importing in large quantity materials like PVC resin etc. under OGL Scheme during 1992-93 which causes dumping of materials in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government have received some complaints regarding dumping of PVC resins and other similar materials in the country by some vested interested companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof, item-wise and company-wise;

(e) the action taken by the Government to curb such practices in future or to impose anti-dumping duty in such cases; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f). The Indian Customs Tariff Act, 1975 was amended in October 1982 to enable the Government to take measures against dumped imports by levying anti-dumping duties. The act empowers Government to impose anti-dumping duties in those cases in which dumped imports are found to be causing material injury to the domestic industry. Before such a duty can be imposed the authority designated by the Government has to make a finding on the existence of dumping and injury. The designated Authority normally initiates an investigation only upon receipt of a written request by or on behalf of the affected domestic industry. The Customs Tariff rules require the Designated Authority to satisfy itself that it has sufficient prima-facie evidence of dumping, injury to domestic industry and a causal link between the dumped imports and the alleged injury before it decides to initiate an investigation.

Complaints have been received of dumping of PVC Resin; Styrene Butadiene Rubber, Bisphenol-A; Acrylates; acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber; Glass Fibre; Refined Terephthalic Acid (PTA); Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG); and Polystyrene.

Three anti-dumping investigations were initiated by the Designated Authority on the basis of the complaints received from domestic industry. Based on the preliminary findings of the Designated Authority, Government has imposed anti-dumping duties until 1st June, 1993, on PVC Resin falling under H.S. Nos. 39041000, 39042102 and 39042109 originating from all sources in Argentina, Brazil, Republic of Korea, Mexico and the U.S.A. The Designated Authority has terminated investigation into the allegation of dumping of Styrene Butadiene Rubber as no injury or threat of

injury to the domestic industry was found. Investigation into the allegation of dumping of Bisphenol-A is in progress. The Designated Authority is to take a decision on initiation of anti-dumping investigations in respect of the remaining complaints.

*[Translation]*

### **Traveling Facilities to Students**

3467. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide free/at concessional rate travelling facility to the students of Uttar Pradesh in buses of Uttar Pradesh Road Transport Corporation to facilitate their movement for the purpose of education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[English]*

### **Export of Chemicals**

3468. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to further amend the negative list of the export and import to control the export of chemicals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the chemicals to be

**Loan Facility to Farmers for Brackish Water Prawn Culture**

3522. SHRI SOBHANDREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of small and medium farmers who have taken up brackish water prawn culture are not extended loan facility by commercial banks.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (c). Bank finance to brackish water prawn culture is regulated by Reserve Bank of India's guidelines on priority sector lending, and is treated as a part of agriculture sector. In terms of RBI guidelines, banks are required to extend at least 18% of their total advances to agriculture sector (including allied activities).

The data reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information regarding loan granted to small & medium farmers who have taken up brackish water prawn culture. However, as per information available with the RBI, the amount disbursed by all commercial banks for direct agriculture (including allied activities) as also the amount disbursement for fisheries is as under:-

(Amount Rs. in crores)

Year ended	Amount Disbursed		Fisheries	
	Direct No. of A/cs. Disbursed	Agricultural Amount No. of Aa/cs	Amount Aa/cs	Disbursed
June 1989	5758639	3813.16	55822	62.67
June 1990	5453361	4282.35	40155	55.60
June 1991	8164029	4675.49	49724	51.12

RBI has advised the commercial banks to provide all possible assistance to farmers undertaking brackish water aquaculture activity subject to the usual terms and conditions laid down for priority sector lending.

[Translation]

**Black Money in Film Industry**

3523. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made it obligatory to maintain accounts under section 44 A.A. of Income-tax Act, 1961 with a view to check the black money prevailing in Film Industry;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken action against the persons for not maintaining accounts under this section;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

[Translation]

**Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore**

3943. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote the 'Astra' programme being launched in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce such programme in other technology institutes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Application of Science and Technology to Rural Areas (ASTRA) programme at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is supported by the Government of India as well as the Government of Karnataka for specific projects involving Science & Technology applications in rural areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Chhitauni-Bagha Railway Bridge**

3944. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of Chhitauni-Bagha railway bridge linking Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) whether the work is behind scheduled;

(d) if so, he reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to expedite the construction work of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) 39% upto December, 1992

(b) Estimated cost is Rs. 164.09 crores and outlay expected upto March 1993 is Rs. 55.65 crores.

(c) and (d). The work is progressing as per schedule. However, there has been long delay in taking up this project due to other co-sharers, namely, Governments of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Ministry of Water Resources, not coming forth with their shares.

(e) The work on the guide bunds, approach banks and bridge has been taken up and is being progressed rapidly since it has to be completed in the working season 1992-93 to avoid chances of outflanking/flood damage by the river in the flood season. However, progress of the work will depend on the other co-sharers coming forth with their share of funds in time since the railway has already provided its full share.

[English]

**Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway Line**

3945. SHRI SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Indian Railways and Visakha Steel Plant on construction of Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway Line; and

(b) the income derived by the Railways

during each of the last three years by way of transport of cement and pulverised lime stone, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The amount of expenditure incurred by the Railways on the construction of

Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway line is Rs.17,93,33,000/- and the expenditure incurred by Visakha Steel Plant is nil.

(b) The amount of income derived by the Railways during each of the last three years by way of transport of cement and pulverised lime stone is as follows:-

	1990	1991 (Rupees in lakhs)	1992
Cement	687.76	690.48	1360.39
Lime Stone	1097.18	165.32	266.89

[Translation]

#### **Environmental Improvement in Madhya Pradesh**

3946. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any plans from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the cleaning of rivers and environmental improvement of towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). A proposal for the pollution abatement of rivers Ksspra and Khan at estimated cost of Rs. 37.50 crores and Rs.8.46 crores respectively had been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government in January, 1991. Another proposal for environmental improvement of Indore city at an estimated cost of

Rs. 2.63 crores had been received from the Municipal Corporation, Indore in July, 1991. River Khan and Kshipra have been included in the Approach Paper on the proposed National River Action Plan, which is under consideration of the Government. Only those components of the proposal for improvement of Indore city which relate to the pollution abatement of river Khan would be considered under the proposed National River Action Plan subject to the availability of resources and their interse priority.

#### **Education Facilities in U.P. and Madhya Pradesh**

3947. SHRICHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the measures proposed to be taken to give importance to primary education in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for spreading education amongst children especially in rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The link will be established through Konkan Railway between Roha and Mangalore. Bombay to Raha and Manglore to Kanyakumari are already linked by direct west coast lines. This 760 km. line is being built at a cost of Rs. 1400 crores and is expected to be completed in 1994-95.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

#### SCs/STs Employees in F.C.I. Gujarat

4007. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of employee belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the office of the Food Corporation of India in Gujarat, category-wise;

(b) whether there is any backlog in the reserved quota;

(c) if so, the time by which these posts are likely to be filled; and

(d) if not, he reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Category - wise percentage of employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in FCI offices in Gujarat is given below:-

Category	% of SC Employees	% of ST Employees
I	18.75	-
II	13.11	0.82

Category	% of SC Employees	% of ST Employees
III	15.03	3.98
IV	19.31	7.41

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Since there is surplus staff in Gujarat Region as well as in other Regions of Food Corporation of India, the Food Corporation of India has appointed a High Level Committee consisting of Zonal Managers for reviewing the existing sanctioned strength and revising the staff norms. After receipt of the report of the Committee, the Food Corporation of India will take a view to fill the vacancies, including the back-log vacancies in Gujarat Offices.

#### Foreign-AIDED Agricultural Projects

4008. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign-aided agricultural projects under implementation in the country, State-wise;

(b) the particulars of such projects; and

(c) the amount of foreign aid made available for each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR): (a) The information if provided in the Statement - I attached.

(b) and (c). The information is provided in the statement-II attached.

**STATEMENT-I**

*Foreign Aided Agricultural Projects Under Implementation in the Country, State-wise.*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Number of Projects</i>
1	2	3

1.	Andhar Pradesh	8
2.	Assam	4
3.	Bihar	8
4.	Goa	1
5.	Gujarat	8
6.	Haryana	4
7.	Himachal Pradesh	7
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	4

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Number of Projects</i>
1	2	3
9.	Kamatka	10
10.	Kerala	6
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5
12.	Maharashtra	4
13.	Orissa	10
14.	Punjab	4
15.	Rajasthan	8
16.	Tamil Nadu	9
17.	Uttar Pradesh	11
18.	West Bengal	6
19.	Pondicherry	1
Country Projects		6

## STATEMENT - II

## Brief Particulars of Foreign Aided Agricultural Projects in India

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan/Credit amount
1	2	3
A.	<i>World Bank (figures in US\$ Million)</i>	
1.	National Agricultural Extension Project - I	44.52
2	National Agricultural Extension Project-II	63.58
3.	National Agricultural Extension Project - III	80.84
4.	National Dairy - II	363.30
5.	National Seeds Project - III	148.30
6.	Rainfed Watershed	3.05
7.	National Agriculture Research Project	78.93
8.	A.P. Cycloone Emergency Reconstruction	212.20
9.	Integrated Watershed (Plains)	68.17
10.	Integrated Watershed (Hills)	77.56
11.	Agriculture Development Project	107.33
12.	Shrimp & Fish Culture	85.89

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan/Credit amount
1	2	3
B.	E.E.C. (Figures in ECU Million)	
1.	Integrated Watershed Management in ravinous areas of Chambal/Yamuna Catchment in Uttar Pradesh	45.6
2.	Bhimtal Integrated Watershed Management Project in Uttar Pradesh	4.40
3.	Sheep Development Project in Tamil Nadu	6.10
4.	Integrated Watershed management in Gujarat	17.00
5.	Mustard Seed Development Project in Rajasthan	28.00
6.	Coconut Development Project in Kerala	45.00
7.	Bihar Cooperative Storage Project	21.19
8.	Inland Fisheries Development Project	22.10
9.	Operation Flood - III Project	90.71
10.	Strengthening of Veterinary Services, Rinderpest Eradication Campaign	40.30
11.	Alkaline Land Reclamation Programme in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar	35.50
12.	South Bhagirathi - II, Integrated Watershed Management in Uttar Pradesh	11.43

Loan/Credit amount

Name of the Project

Sl.No.

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## C. UNDP (Figures in US \$)

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|----|---|--------------|--|
| 1. | Development & Demonstration of Biofertilisers                                       | 7,72,000/-   |  |
| 2. | Application of automatic Techniques in remote sensing for land resources management | 2,53,000/-   |  |
| 3. | Development & strengthening of Plant Quarantine Facilities                          | 2,037,736.00 |  |

D. *Bilateral*

\* Indo-Danish etc.

- |    |   |                |         |
|----|---|----------------|---------|
| 1. | Indo-Danish Fkisherries Project, Tadri, Karnataka, Phase - I            | Rs. 923.23     | Lakhs   |
| 2. | Tamil Nadu Women in Agriculture (TANWA) Phase - I                       | Rs. 4.13       | Crores  |
| 3. | Women and Youth Training/Extension Project (WYTEP), Karnataka, Phase-II | Rs. 125.4      | Million |
| 4. | Training and Extension for Women in Agriculture, Orissa (Tewa)          | Rs. 21.33      | Million |
| 5. | Pudukkottai lives tock development Project                              | Rs. 44         | Million |
| 6. | Integrated Lives tock Development Project. Koraput, Orissa              | Rs. 96,966,000 |         |

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan/Credit amount
1	2	3
7.	Comprehensive Water-Shed Development Project in tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu	Rs. 62.5 Million
8.	Watershed Development Project in Karnataka	Rs. 88.3 Million
9.	Comprehensive Watershed Development Project in Koraput District, Orissa	Rs. 13.3 Crores
10.	Bay of Bengal Post Harvest Fisheries Project with Overseas Development Agency (ODA), UK assistance. (From 1987 onwards)	474,174
11.	ODA assisted Agriculture Extension Training and Management Project	Phase-I 972,000 Phase - II 684,000
12.	Indo-Italian Project on Temperate Climate fruit Crops - Phase - II	6,295,920,000 Liras
13.	Indo-German Bilateral Programme on Hydrological Monitoring Network for Small Watersheds - Phase - II	DM 8 Million
14.	Indo-German Reservoir Fisheries Development project in Kerala	DM 4,00,000
15.	Indo-German Cow Project	Loan amount of DM 6 million & Grant of DM 14,94,033.97

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan/Credit amount
1	2	3
*	Swiss	
16.	Indo-Swiss Project, Kerala (Isdpak) for Cattle Breeding, fodder Production and Dairy Development (Follow-up Phase)	Rs. 260 Lakhs
17.	North Kerala Dairy Development Project	Rs. 155.161 Million
18.	Indo-Swiss Project, Andhra Pradesh (ISPA) for Cattle Breeding, Fodder production and Dairy Development (Phase-V)	Rs. 644.80 Lakhs
19.	Indo-Swiss Project Rajasthan (ISGP) for Goat Development (Phase-V)	Rs. 168 Lakhs
20.	Indo-Swiss Project Orissa (IPSO) sustainable Landuse, animal Husbandry and Dairy Development. (Pre-phase)	Rs. 270 Lakhs
21.	Participative and Integrated Development of Watersheds (PIDOW), Gulibarga, (Phase-II)	Rs. 464.91 Lakhs

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan/Credit amount
1	2	3
*	Netherland	
22.	Small Scale Irrigation and soil Conservation Improvement projects in North Bengal Terai Phase - II	Rs. 209 Lakhs
23.	Training of Farm Women in Agriculture in Gujarat	Dfl 3396000 Million
*	Norway	
24.	Pilot Project for Commercial trout farming in Kullu Valley of Himachal Pradesh	5 Million NOK
25.	Comprehensive Land Use Management Project, Karnataka	Loan of 16050 Million Yen
26.	Indo-Bulgarian Project on apple	Only technical assistance is Provided.

4. Energy Conservation
5. Minimum product loss

(c) Rs. 4.00 lakhs.

(d) The capacity of continuous ghee making machine is 500-800 KG/H and that of the continuous khoa making machine 30-45 KG/H. The machines have been subjected to industrial trials. The know how is being transferred to dairy industry in the country.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.

#### **Conference on Education**

4020. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered to host a conference on promotion of education for all, in the nine most developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the schemes drawn in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the conference is likely to be held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. As part of the UNESCO-UNICEF initiative for promoting "Education for All" India has expressed its willingness to host a Summit level meeting of the nine most populous developing countries. These countries are Brazil, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan and India. The conference is likely to be held in November, 1993. No

schemes are required to be drawn for the conference.

#### **Over-Bridges in Orissa**

4021. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway over-bridges completed in Orissa during the last three years and the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(b) the details regarding the percentage of this expenditure borne by the State Government and Ministry of Railways separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Railway Passes**

4022. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases for issue of railway passes which are under consideration of the Government at present; and

(b) the time by which these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). About forty cases which will be cleared shortly.

#### **Sophisticated Research Tools in Agriculture**

4023. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research proposes to lay emphasis on the utilisation of the latest sophisticated research tools and devices to achieve the overall goal of raising agricultural production and productivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Deployment of farm-worthy technologies like improved tractors, power-driven tools/implements, sophisticated laboratory equipments, use of biotechnological and remote-sensing techniques for enhancing agricultural production and productivity, upgradation of animal husbandry and fishery resources and proposed in the 8th Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

#### **Rotegaon-Puntamba Railway Line (CR)**

4024. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some representations have been received to link Rotegaon and Puntamba railway stations of the Central Railway by rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A suggestion in this regard was received from Shri Shaligram Bassai stating that the suggested line will reduce the distance between Aurangabad and Pune by 94 kms.

(c) It has not been possible to accept the suggestion owing to acute constraint of resources.

#### **Stoppage of Mahananda Express**

4025. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand to provide a stoppage to 4083 Mahananda Express at Barhan Junction on Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found justified.

[*English*]

#### **Procurement of Wheat**

4026. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether wheat stock by April, 1993 is expected to be lower than the approved buffer stocks norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the procurement of wheat for supply under the Public Distribution System?

tive action, wherever necessary, in the Armed Forces.

Exchange Board of India regarding anomalies in purchase of shares by the Government servants from promoters quota;

### **Debt Burden on State Governments**

4242. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR:  
SHRI. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO  
VADDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total debt burden of each State Government so far in terms of market loans, loan from Central Government and loans secured by autonomous organisations;

(b) whether some States have shown inability in repayment of loan and requested an extension in the loan repayment period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) then step being taken by the Government in view of such requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Purchase of Shares from Promoters quota**

4243. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI  
CHATTERJEE:  
SHRI PURNA CHANDRA  
MALIK:  
SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:  
SHRI ANIL BASU:  
SHRI AMAL DATA:  
SHRI SUDARSAN  
RAYCHAUDHURI:  
SHRIMATI SUSEELA  
GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the securities and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government against the persons who have violated the provisions under promoters quota during locking period and matters connected therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

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

### **Licences to Surveyor and Loss Assessors**

4244. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons granted licences to act as Surveyor and Loss Assessor by the Controller of Insurance during the last three years; and

(b) the number of licences renewed upto 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) 11657 (For the three year period 1990 to 1992).

(b) 3874, during the said period of three years.

### **Opening of RRBs in U.P.**

4245. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open more Regional Rural Banks in Uttar