

including introduction of EMS Speed Post in 1986. Special arrangements for collection, sorting and delivery of inter-Metro letters covering New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad in order to ensure delivery within 48 hours have been introduced with effect from 2nd April, 1994. It is proposed to make similar special arrangements for letters between New Delhi and other State capitals in a phased manner.

Manufacture of Equipments

5703. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a precondition making it incumbent upon the tenders to manufacture the Switch line equipments in the country;

(b) whether in the recent tender for large switches for which orders are being placed by DOT, the tenders (MNC's) are importing goods in finished form and not manufacturing the same in the country;

(c) whether it violates the tender norms and lead to outflow of foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The tenders for the items which are available from indigenous sources have got a clause of eligibility mentioning that the companies registered to manufacture tender equipment. In India and having obtained clearance from Reserve Bank of India in case of foreign collaborations are eligible for bidding. Also they should have type approval from the Department for the

items. In case of global tenders of the cases where imports are considered necessary, such restriction is not imposed.

(b) The tender was open only for the vendors who were registered to manufacture Switching Equipment in India and who had the RBI clearance to do so. This was a tender in Indian Rupees. The only stipulation in the tender was that the parties should have obtained RBI clearance for manufacturing equipment in India.

(c) There is no violation of tender norms as the tender condition was that companies should be registered to manufacture the equipment in India. There is no foreign exchange outflow as far as DOT is concerned as the tender was in Indian Rupees.

(d) In view of (c) above, no action arises.

National Highways in Tamil Nadu

5704. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to the State Government of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years of original and repair works of National Highways separately and the amount demanded by the State Government on this account during the above period; and

(b) the steps taken by the Union Government to make additional funds available to the State for the maintenance of existing National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The funds provided and demanded by

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No Cinematographic film was purchased by Doordarshan during this period.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no Government policy for the purchase of films by Doordarshan.

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

New Channels

5770. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start 21 new channels of the Doordarshan in the near future;

(b) whether the existing five Channels are telecasting programmes of inferior quality; and

(c) the reasons for increasing the number of Doordarshan Channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. There are a number of proposals on which Doordarshan is experimenting on the 5 transponders of INSAT 2B.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The new channels of Doordarshan were introduced in order to

provide programming to cater to the diverse interests of the widest cross section of its viewers.

Staff Strength In Regional Passport Offices

5771. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been consistent demand for increase in staff strength of Regional Passport Offices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the increase in the work load of approximately 160% since 1980 when the cadre strength was last revised, the need for a proportionate increase in staff strength has been felt. Four hundred additional posts were sanctioned in 1992. This does not, however, meet the entire need for additional staff for Passport Offices. It is intended to propose the creation of further additional posts shortly.

Import of Switching Equipment

5772. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DOT had floated a tender for importing two lakh lines of switching equipment on a one time import basis during 1991-92;

(b) whether nearly one million lines have been ordered against this tender on direct payment basis and leasing/deferred payment basis;

(c) whether any norms have been violated in import of these lines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) DOT did not float a tender for importing 2.0 lakh lines of Switching Equipment. A tender was floated for procuring 2.0 lakh lines of Switching Equipment from the companies registered to manufacture the equipment in India and had RBI clearance to do so and the tender was in Indian Rupees.

(b) No orders were placed for import of Switching Equipment. Against the tender enquiry as given in (a) above, 4.4 lakh lines have been ordered on direct purchase basis. Equipment taken on lease was against a limited tender floated for that purpose and not against tender of 2.0 lakh lines.

(c) The above procurement does not amount to violation of tender norms. The tender was for 2.0 lakh lines of Switching Equipment and the vendors had quoted for this quantity. None of the vendors who were short-listed for commercial supplies got quantities more than this quantity i.e. 2.0 lakh lines. The direct orders placed were about 1.0 lakh lines per vendor. As such, there is no violation of tender norms.

(d) No decision was taken to violate the tender norms.

Programme Telecast by Madras Doordarshan

5773. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

(a) whether the programmes telecast by the Madras Doordarshan Kendra are not upto the mark; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Roads in Orissa

5774. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State roads in Orissa proposed to be modernised and expanded with the World Bank aid;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of assistance provided in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Constitutionally, the Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country and all other

Year	Total No. of advertisements issued	Total No. of advertisements issued to publications of Bihar State	Total value of advertisements released (in Rs.)
1992-93	1,84,260 insertions	5,017 insertions	29,86,27,428.00
1993-94 (1.4.93 to 28.2.94)	1,81,843 insertions	5,416 insertions	27,23,20,964.00

Permission to Foreign Banks for Advertisements on Doordarshan

5816. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan propose to increase revenue through advertisements by granting permission to foreign banks and financial institutions to telecast the advertisement of their services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The Code for Commercial Advertising on Doordarshan has been recently modified to allow telecast of advertisements relating to the following:

- (i) Jewellery or precious stones;
- (ii) Matrimonial agencies;
- (iii) Astrologers/Numerologists;

(iv) Mutual funds approved by SEBI;

(v) Hair dyes;

(vi) Foreign products;

(vii) Foreign banks including financial services.

Inventory Management by DOT

5817. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the type of inventory management practices being followed by DOT;

(b) the average time taken by DOT between procurement of equipment and installation;

(c) whether an E 10 B exchange has been lying in Allepey (Kerala) for over two years and has not yet been installed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether DOT has an inventory exceeding Rs. 2000 crores; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The stores are received by the Telecom Circles. The inventory management is done at the Telecom Circle level as well as in the Unit levels under the Circles.

(b) The average time taken between the procurement of equipment and installation varies depending on the type of equipment. (1) for Exchanges of old technology, it is 12-18 months, (2) for Exchanges of new technology, it is around 6-10 months and (3) for Transmission Equipment such as Microwave System, Optical Fibre Systems, etc. it is 6-12 months.

(c) No, Sir. No E-10B Exchange is lying in Allepey (Kerala) pending commissioning.

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

(e) and (f). No, Sir.

[Translation]

Telecom Facilities in Industrial Areas

5818. SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecommunications facilities have been provided in all industrial areas of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the steps being taken to provide these facilities in the remaining industrial areas of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir except for a few places in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The details area as under:

State	No. of Total Industrial Areas	No. of Industrial areas with Telecom facilities
Gujarat	104	104
Uttar Pradesh	99	94
Bihar	19	19

(c) Telecom facilities in the remaining 5 Industrial areas of Uttar Pradesh are proposed to be provided during 1994-95.

[English]

US Offer of LCA

5819. SHRI BOLLA BULLI
RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has offered India Light Combat Aircraft to push through NPT; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Sl. No.	Year	No. of delegation sent abroad by M/o. Agriculture, during 1991, 1992 and 1993	Name of the Countries	Expenditure incurred
			Mauritius and Carribean Islands	Rs. 2,79,177/-
			Cyprus and Isreal	Rs. 1,60,406/-
			Phillippines and Thailand	Rs. 88,457/-
			Phillippines and Hongkong	Rs. 44,390/-

[English]

Cotton Production

5924. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare cotton production vary in different States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where its rate of production is highest along with the names of the State where this rate is the lowest; and

(c) the targets fixed by the Government to bridge the production gap during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average yield of cotton is highest in Punjab followed by Haryana and Rajasthan whereas it is the lowest in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) To achieve higher productivity and production of cotton in the country, target of 14.00 million bales (of 170 kgs

each) has been fixed for 1996-97, the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Extension of Patna-Hatia and Amritsar-Tata Express

5925. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to extend Patna-Hatia and Amritsar-Tata Express upto Rourkela;

(b) if so, the time scheduled for such extension;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to provide any terminal facilities at Rourkela station;

(e) if so, the amount provided and the time limit fixed for such construction; and

(f) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to

TURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). Only the following Kendriya Vidyalayas are having hostel facilities:

Sl. No.	State	Name of K.V.
1.	Bihar	Jawahar Nagar
2.	Haryana	Jhajjar
3.	Karnataka	ASC, Bangalore
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Pachmarhi
5.	Maharashtra	Kirkee, Pune, VSN, Nagpur
6.	Punjab	1. No. 1, Ferozepur Cantt. 2. No.1, Jalandhar Cantt.
7.	Tamil Nadu	I.I.T., Madras
8.	Uttar Pradesh	1. V.K.V. Ghaziabad 2. Lansdown
9.	Delhi	No.1 Delhi Cantt.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Three Language Formula

5988. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States are implementing Three Language Formula in respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). All the States, except Tamil Nadu have accepted the Three Language Formula in principle. The role of the Central Government in the matter of implementation of the Three Language Formula is recommendatory. The State Governments have been urged from time to time, to take effective steps for expeditious and faithful implementation of the Three Language Formula.

National Seeds Project Phase-III

5989. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which World Bank assisted National Seeds Project, Phase-III was launched in the country;

(b) the names of the States where such project is being implemented along with the ongoing programmes under the project;

(c) the main objectives of the aforesaid project;

(d) the progress made in this regard till date, State-wise; and

(e) the programmes that are going to be implemented in Andhra Pradesh.

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) National Seeds Project Phase-III has been launched at a total cost of Rs. 236.01 crores with the World Bank assistance of US \$150 million in March, 1990.

(b) There are 12 participating States where the Project is being implemented, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under the project, besides providing assistance to Seeds Corporations of these 12 States to improve their working efficiency, the strengthening of Seed Certification Agencies of these States (except West Bengal where there is no Agency) have been envisaged.

(c) The main objectives of the NSP-III are as follows:

(i) To assist the farmers by ensuring timely and adequate availabilities of certified/quality seeds of suitable varieties at reasonable prices ; (ii) To improve the

working efficiency of the National and State level public sector seed corporations so as to make them economically viable; and (iii) To provide facilities for the growth of private seed industry through adequate institutional finance.

(d) The details are given in the attached *Statement*.

(e) The programmes to be implemented in Andhra Pradesh under NSP-III are as follows:

- (i) Restructuring of Andhra Pradesh State Seed Development Corporation making it financially self-reliant and profitable organisation. Funds amounting to Rs. 376 lakhs have been released to the Corporation to implement Agreed Action Plan.
- (ii) Strengthening of State Seed Certification Agency by developing infrastructural facilities. Funds amounting to Rs. 110 lakhs have been released to the Agency for the purpose.

STATEMENT

National Seeds Project-III Progress of Implementation

State	Progress
<i>(A) State Seed Corporation</i>	
Phase-I 1) Andhra Pradesh	The agreed Action Plans of these Corporations have been finalised and are at various stages of implementation. Necessary funds under the project have been released to these organisations.
2) Gujarat	
3) Uttar Pradesh	

State	Progress
Phase-II 1) Assam 2) Karnataka 3) Madhya Pradesh 4) Maharashtra 5) West Bengal	In case of Karnataka, Maharashtra and West Bengal, the diagnostic studies have been completed with the finalisation of Agreed Action Plan and implementation process has been initiated. Necessary funds under the project have been released to these Corporations. In case of Assam and Madhya Pradesh, the diagnostic studies have been completed.
Phase-III 1) Haryana 2) Orissa 3) Bihar 4) Rajasthan	For Haryana and Orissa the Operating Consultants have already been selected and appointed. In case of Rajasthan and Bihar, the preliminary process has been initiated for the selection of the Operating Consultants for undertaking diagnostic study of these Corporations.

(B) State Seed Certification Agencies

1) Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and U.P.	The State Certification Agencies of these States have already been taken up for strengthening their quality control infrastructure and funds under the Project have been released.
2) Bihar and Rajasthan	The proposals of these Agencies are being updated by the respective Agencies.

Over Bridge at Jaraikela Station

5990. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that two tribal ladies were over run by Geetanzali Express at Jaraikela Railway station;

(b) if so, the amount of compensation paid to the dependents of victims;

Growth Centres

*552. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to speed up the implementation of growth centres to improve the non-farm employment opportunities in the wake of steady increase in the proportion of non-agricultural employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received suggestions from any agency/organisation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Under the growth centre scheme announced in 1988, it is proposed to develop 70 centres throughout the country. Steps are being taken to speed up the implementation of the growth centre scheme, which will give various benefits, including employment generation.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Capital Region Plan

*553. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :
SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Capital Region Plan has still remained a non-starter;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible for the same; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). The allocation of requisite resources has been a constraint. However, in the Eighth Five Year Plan, the N.C.R. Planning Board has an approved outlay of Rs. 200 crores as Central share in the State Sector on a matching basis which is a considerable step up compared to Rs. 35 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Development of Satellites

*554. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need of the indigenous development of satellite, in the country and to achieve self-sufficiency in the field of satellite launching technology;

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

(c) the time by which India is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in this field?

credit to newsprint users to reduce their stocks.

Legislation Council Bill, 1990

6163. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Legislative Council Bill, 1990 for creation of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council as passed by the Rajya Sabha is yet to be considered by Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha; and

(c) the number of bills for creation of State Legislative Councils, pending for consideration by the Lok Sabha ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b). The Legislative Council Bill, 1990 had lapsed with the dissolution of the Ninth Lok Sabha.

(c) Nil.

Categorisation of Cities

6164. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Criteria followed in categorising big cities as 'A' and 'B' class;

(b) the cities which have been including in the above categories during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(c) whether the Government provided financial assistance to the States for the development of the cities of 'A' class;

(d) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to bring more cities under the categories 'A' and 'B' class; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b). The Census document 1991 classifies the towns by size class of towns. The urban units have been categorised into the six population size, class of towns as under :-

Size Class	Population	No. of Towns
I	1,00,000 & above	300
II	50,000 - 99,999	345
III	20,000 - 49,999	947
IV	10,000 - 19,999	1167

V	5,000 - 9,999	740
VI	Less than 5,000	197
		3696

Urban agglomerations with a population of 10 lakhs and above are referred to as Metropolitan Cities.

(c) and (d). Urban Development is a State subject and the Planning Commission requires that all urban development projects should form part of the State Plan. However, keeping in view the persistent demands of the State Governments for Central assistance to tackle specific problems of certain metro-cities

and the recommendations of the National Commission of Urbanisation, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for infrastructure development of Mega Cities has been introduced during 93-94. This applies to cities with a population of 4 million and above as per 1991 Census viz.. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore. Central assistance released during 93-94 was as under :

Bombay	- Rs. 20.10 crores
Calcutta	- Rs. 20.10 crores
Madras	- Rs. 15.10 crores
Hyderabad	- Rs. 15.10 crores
Bangalore	- Rs. 0.10 crores

(e) As mentioned as reply to (a) above there is no categorisation in Census as 'A' and 'B'. There is no proposal to indicate more cities under the mega city project.

(f) Does not arise.

Intercorporate Investment

6165. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that some of the large industrial houses and companies are indulging in inter-corporate investments beyond the legal limits laid down in the Companies Act;

(b) if so, the names of these companies; and

(c) the action taken or likely to be taken against them for violation of the parameters envisaged in the above Act?

Mega City Development Programme

6229. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought a matching contribution of Rs. 20 crores for the implementation of projects under the Mega City Development Programme in Karnataka; and

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

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) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Government has proposed the Bangalore Mega City Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 805 crores to be implemented during 8th and 9th Plan periods. Out of the total Central outlay of Rs. 75 crores for Mega City Projects during 1994-95, Rs. 20 crores is proposed for Bangalore Project. However, the actual release will depend on the final shape and requirements of the project that may be taken for implementation during 1994-95.

Modernisation Fund for Small Scale Sector

6230. SHRI SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Industry Modernisation Fund for modernisation and upgradation of Small Scale Sector

has since been set-up; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No Sir, No such fund for modernisation for small scale industry has been set up by Government of India. However, Small Industries Development Bank of India i.e. SIDBI and same other banks like state Bank of India have taken up programmes for modernisation of small industries.

Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission

6231. DR. SAKSHIJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for providing safe and adequate drinking water in the villages of Uttar Pradesh under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission;

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

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two Water Supply schemes for Pauri district and 9 schemes for Pithoragarh district were approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 16 lakhs and Rs. 185 lakhs respectively. 5 schemes for

ing of commercially viable urban infrastructure Projects for the benefit of the below median income households. The project consists of two categories of support viz. direct assistance as USAID contribution of \$ 20 million and Housing Guarantee Fund of \$ 125 million. The Housing Guarantee Funds are proposed to be channelised through the Housing & Urban Development Corporation and the Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services (IL&FS). These funds will help the financing of urban infrastructure projects to promote increased private sector funding of commercially viable infrastructure projects.

(c) and (d) Concrete proposals have not been finalised by the concerned agencies viz. the Housing & Urban Development Corporation, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services, SEBI and the USAID.

Malpractices in Public Sector Fertilizer Undertakings

6266. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since received CBI enquiry reports regarding malpractices and corruption by the top executives of public sector fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the details of investigations probed in and the findings of CBI:

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether all these officials have been reappointed to the same position in

respective organisations without obtaining clearance from CBI and vigilance; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Government received four CBI inquiry reports regarding malpractices and corruption by top executives of Public Sector Fertilizer units. The details of the cases, findings of the CBI and action taken by the Government so far, are as follows :-

(i) The case relating to payment of brokerage to a private party for deposit of Rs. 20 crores in the CANBANK Financial Services Limited : The allegation is that the Chairman & Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers (RCF) conspired with certain officials of CANBANK Financial Services in respect of the fixed deposit of Rs. 20 crores and a brokerage of one per cent was allowed to a private party and thus he abused his official position and caused loss to the RCF. CBI recommended regular departmental action for major penalty against CMD, RCF and also his suspension. The officer has been suspended and regular departmental action for major penalty initiated against him.

(ii) The case relating to award of painting contract to a private firm: The allegation is that the CMD and some other officers of RCF, entered into criminal conspiracy with a private firm, with a view to favouring the said firm, in the matter

of awarding painting contract for painting of plants and machinery of RCF. CBI have recommended initiation of regular departmental action for major penalty against CMD, RCF and three other officers of RCF involved and also their suspension. All these officers have been placed under suspension and regular departmental action initiated against them.

(iii) The case relating to purchase of substandard extruded packing material : The allegation is that the CMD and some other officers of RCF entered into a criminal conspiracy with a private firm in the purchase of substandard extruded packing material at exorbitant rates from the firm, thus causing a loss to the tune of Rs. 3 crores to RCF. The CBI have recommended initiation of regular departmental action for major penalty against CMD, RCF and four other officers of RCF and also their suspension. CMD, RCF has since been suspended and regular departmental action for major penalty initiated against him and the other officers of RCF.

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Growth Centres

*552. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to speed up the implementation of growth centres to improve the non-farm employment opportunities in the wake of steady increase in the proportion of non-agricultural employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received suggestions from any agency/organisation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Under the growth centre scheme announced in 1988, it is proposed to develop 70 centres throughout the country. Steps are being taken to speed up the implementation of the growth centre scheme, which will give various benefits, including employment generation.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Capital Region Plan

*553. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :
SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Capital Region Plan has still remained a non-starter;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible for the same; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). The allocation of requisite resources has been a constraint. However, in the Eighth Five Year Plan, the N.C.R. Planning Board has an approved outlay of Rs. 200 crores as Central share in the State Sector on a matching basis which is a considerable step up compared to Rs. 35 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Development of Satellites

*554. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need of the indigenous development of satellite, in the country and to achieve self-sufficiency in the field of satellite launching technology;

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

(c) the time by which India is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in this field?

credit to newsprint users to reduce their stocks.

Legislation Council Bill, 1990

6163. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Legislative Council Bill, 1990 for creation of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council as passed by the Rajya Sabha is yet to be considered by Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha; and

(c) the number of bills for creation of State Legislative Councils, pending for consideration by the Lok Sabha ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b). The Legislative Council Bill, 1990 had lapsed with the dissolution of the Ninth Lok Sabha.

(c) Nil.

Categorisation of Cities

6164. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Criteria followed in categorising big cities as 'A' and 'B' class;

(b) the cities which have been including in the above categories during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(c) whether the Government provided financial assistance to the States for the development of the cities of 'A' class;

(d) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to bring more cities under the categories 'A' and 'B' class; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b). The Census document 1991 classifies the towns by size class of towns. The urban units have been categorised into the six population size, class of towns as under :-

Size Class	Population	No. of Towns
I	1,00,000 & above	300
II	50,000 - 99,999	345
III	20,000 - 49,999	947
IV	10,000 - 19,999	1167

V	5,000 - 9,999	740
VI	Less than 5,000	197
		3696

Urban agglomerations with a population of 10 lakhs and above are referred to as Metropolitan Cities.

(c) and (d). Urban Development is a State subject and the Planning Commission requires that all urban development projects should form part of the State Plan. However, keeping in view the persistent demands of the State Governments for Central assistance to tackle specific problems of certain metro-cities

and the recommendations of the National Commission of Urbanisation, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for infrastructure development of Mega Cities has been introduced during 93-94. This applies to cities with a population of 4 million and above as per 1991 Census viz.. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore. Central assistance released during 93-94 was as under :

Bombay	- Rs. 20.10 crores
Calcutta	- Rs. 20.10 crores
Madras	- Rs. 15.10 crores
Hyderabad	- Rs. 15.10 crores
Bangalore	- Rs. 0.10 crores

(e) As mentioned as reply to (a) above there is no categorisation in Census as 'A' and 'B'. There is no proposal to indicate more cities under the mega city project.

(f) Does not arise.

Intercorporate Investment

6165. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that some of the large industrial houses and companies are indulging in inter-corporate investments beyond the legal limits laid down in the Companies Act;

(b) if so, the names of these companies; and

(c) the action taken or likely to be taken against them for violation of the parameters envisaged in the above Act?

Mega City Development Programme

6229. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought a matching contribution of Rs. 20 crores for the implementation of projects under the Mega City Development Programme in Karnataka; and

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

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) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Government has proposed the Bangalore Mega City Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 805 crores to be implemented during 8th and 9th Plan periods. Out of the total Central outlay of Rs. 75 crores for Mega City Projects during 1994-95, Rs. 20 crores is proposed for Bangalore Project. However, the actual release will depend on the final shape and requirements of the project that may be taken for implementation during 1994-95.

Modernisation Fund for Small Scale Sector

6230. SHRI SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Industry Modernisation Fund for modernisation and upgradation of Small Scale Sector

has since been set-up; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No Sir, No such fund for modernisation for small scale industry has been set up by Government of India. However, Small Industries Development Bank of India i.e. SIDBI and same other banks like state Bank of India have taken up programmes for modernisation of small industries.

Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission

6231. DR. SAKSHIJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for providing safe and adequate drinking water in the villages of Uttar Pradesh under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission;

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

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two Water Supply schemes for Pauri district and 9 schemes for Pithoragarh district were approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 16 lakhs and Rs. 185 lakhs respectively. 5 schemes for

ing of commercially viable urban infrastructure Projects for the benefit of the below median income households. The project consists of two categories of support viz. direct assistance as USAID contribution of \$ 20 million and Housing Guarantee Fund of \$ 125 million. The Housing Guarantee Funds are proposed to be channelised through the Housing & Urban Development Corporation and the Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services (IL&FS). These funds will help the financing of urban infrastructure projects to promote increased private sector funding of commercially viable infrastructure projects.

(c) and (d) Concrete proposals have not been finalised by the concerned agencies viz. the Housing & Urban Development Corporation, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services, SEBI and the USAID.

Malpractices in Public Sector Fertilizer Undertakings

6266. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since received CBI enquiry reports regarding malpractices and corruption by the top executives of public sector fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the details of investigations probed in and the findings of CBI:

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether all these officials have been reappointed to the same position in

respective organisations without obtaining clearance from CBI and vigilance; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Government received four CBI inquiry reports regarding malpractices and corruption by top executives of Public Sector Fertilizer units. The details of the cases, findings of the CBI and action taken by the Government so far, are as follows :-

(i) The case relating to payment of brokerage to a private party for deposit of Rs. 20 crores in the CANBANK Financial Services Limited : The allegation is that the Chairman & Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers (RCF) conspired with certain officials of CANBANK Financial Services in respect of the fixed deposit of Rs. 20 crores and a brokerage of one per cent was allowed to a private party and thus he abused his official position and caused loss to the RCF. CBI recommended regular departmental action for major penalty against CMD, RCF and also his suspension. The officer has been suspended and regular departmental action for major penalty initiated against him.

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