

Economical Strategy, Trade and Tourism of the Ministry of Economy from the Slovak side. The composition of the Joint Committee and of its Working Groups is to be decided through mutual consultations. The first meeting of the Joint Committee is proposed to be held in New Delhi/Bratislava in December 1994.

The MOU signed between CIL and the Union of Slovak Industry provides for facilitating and encouraging contacts between the business communities in the two countries by supporting activities such as exchange of economic and commercial information, seminars and conferences and promoting trade fairs and exhibitions.

Crude Oil from K.G. Basin

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

(a) whether the job of developing and extracting crude oil from K.G. basin has been entrusted to any private sector company;

b) if so, the details and terms and conditions of the agreement;

(c) whether the Government propose to hand over this task to any of the existing public sector oil companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) Government has so far approved the award of contract for development of Ravva field to a consortium of companies consisting of Command Petro-

leum, Australia, Videocon International, India and Marubeni Corporation, Japan.

(b) The salient terms and conditions of the contract are given below:

The Ravva field is to be developed by the consortium in joint venture with ONGC under production sharing arrangements, with statutory levies like royalty and cess being payable.

(c) and (d). ONGC would be taking a 40% participating interest in the development of the Ravva field with equal Management rights.

Visit of Chinese Vice-Premier

*119. SHRI UDAYSINGRAAO GAIKWAD:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister visited India recently:

(b) if so, details thereof and the objectives of this visit:

(c) whether the issue of bilateral interest were discussed:

(d) if so, details thereof:

(e) whether any agreements were reached during the visit: and

(f) if so, the salient features of each of these agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI

Relations with Japan

1164 SHRI MANJAY LAL:
SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen further the cultural, commercial and technological relations with Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA).

India has sought to strengthen and deepen bilateral relations with Japan through exchange of high level visits imparting momentum to commercial technological and cultural relations with Japan.

The Prime Minister's visit to Japan in June 1992, in particular, generated an excellent atmosphere for expanding commercial and cultural relations. Several ministerial visits have since taken place from both sides. Japanese Ministry of Industry and Trade (MITI) has invited an Indian delegation for a policy dialogue and the meeting is likely to take place later this year.

Japanese Government, business and industry are appreciative of Indian economic liberalisation set in motion in the recent years.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is the nodal point for cultural relations and it arranges regular visits performing artists and other cultural representatives. The Japanese Cultural Centre located in New Delhi similarly promotes cultural activities.

In the field of science and technology, India has entered into an agreement with

Japan in 1985, as envisaged in that agreement, Indian scientific institutions such as Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian National Science Academy, have signed Memorandum of Understanding and detailed agreements with their counterpart institutions in Japan, for exchange of information on technological developments and scientific research and also for exchange of visits by scientists.

[English]

Thermal Power Stations

1165. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO. VADDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given final clearance to the agreements reached between State electricity boards and private entrepreneurs/foreign companies in the establishment of Thermal Power Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features like guarantee for supply of coal and transport facilities envisaged in those agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYANAIDU): (a) and (b). Selection of a private party for developing a project, award of a project, the commercial agreements for sale of power etc., are matters entirely within the competence of the State Electricity Board and the State Government concerned.

(c) The private power companies can enter into legally enforceable agreements with Central fuel supply and fuel transport agencies.

[English]

LPG Marketing Plan of Gujarat

1221. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations in Gujarat included in the LPG marketing plan as on March 31, 1994;

(b) whether the Government propose to include some new locations in Gujarat under the LPG marketing plan for 1994-95, if so the details, there of; and

(c) the action being taken to set up LPG agencies in those locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (c) 65 LPG distributorships for various loctions in Gujarat have been included in the current Marketing Plan 1992-94 (ending 31.3.94).

Selection of dealers for the locations included in the Marketing Plan is currently underway through Oil Selection Board (Gujarat).

LPG Marketing Plan 1994-95 has not been finalised.

Four Laning of NH No.5

1222. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Governement propose to from Srvce Roads between Banz Circle and Ramavarappadu Circle on National Highway No.5; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JADISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ADB assisted project of strengthening National Highway No.5 from Vijayawada to Eluru (KM 3.40 to KM 75.00) covers four- laning from KM 3.40 to KM 13.00.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The project provides for 5.5M wide Service Road on either side between KM 5.30 and KM 9.30 of this National Highway.

[Translation]

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6	Visit of Shri R N Mirdha, MP to Uzbekistan		1992
7	Visit of Shri Salman Khurshid, Minister of State for External Affairs to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan		June 1993

(Note Visits have taken place at various levels, including by business and export organisations as part of the process of widening and on-going cooperation with these countries)

Madras Refineries

1240 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether Madras Refineries Limited has submitted any proposal for expansion of its marketing activities, and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Dhar-Mandavmarg Road, M P

1241 SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether Central assistance is proposed to be provided for repairing the road connecting Indore-Dhar-Mandavmarg in Madhya Pradesh, and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

[English]

Joint Venture between IOC and Mobil Asia Limited

1242 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation and the Mobil Asia Pacific Private Limited have entered into a joint venture for marketing of lubricant,

(b) if so, the details and modalities thereof,

(c) whether the proposed lubricant is to be launched in all the metropolitan cities and if so, by when,

(d) whether the IOC-Mobil propose to set a blending unit/plant in Northern India

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the location, estimated expenditure to be incurred, approximate production in various phases and the likely period within which the plant will start production, and

equivalent non-forest land. In case non forest is not available, compensatory afforestation is required to be carried out on degraded forest land twice in extent of the area being diverted. However in certain essential cases such as laying of transmission lines upto 220 KV, construction of roads, minor irrigation works, school buildings etc., compensatory afforestation on double the degraded forest area is permissible, if total forest land to be diverted does not exceed 20 hectares in hilly areas or in any district where forest area exceeds 50% of its geographical area. In respect of proposals involving diversion of forest land upto 1 hectare plantation of 10 times the numbers of trees likely to be felled is required to be done.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In certain cases where diversion of forest area involved is more than 20 hectares compensatory afforestation is being carried out outside the same district due to non-availability of non forest land.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1421. SHRI SOBHANADREES
WARA RAO VADDE :
SHRI SHANTARAM
POTDUKHE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Agriculture has made any recommendations with regard to establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in each district of the Country;

(b) whether the Government have implemented those recommendations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir, The recommendation of the Commission was to establish one KVK in each district by 1985 and three KVKs in each districts by the end of 2000 A.D.

(b) While the recommendations were accepted in principle, it has not been possible to adhere to the schedule suggested by the Commission.

(c) So far 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established. Besides, 78 more KVKs have been approved in principle. Thus, the total number of KVKs be about 261.

(d) The Council has decided to establish 500 Krishi Vigyan Kendras to cover all the districts of the country. It is proposed to establish 120 Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the 8th plan period whereas the remaining 119 will be established in 9th plan period.

Freight Traffic Performance

1422. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the target of freight traffic fixed on the South Central Railway and the Southern Railway in 1993;

(b) the extent of target achieved; and

[English]

Price of Molasses

*128. SHRISOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the average prices of Molasses prevailing in different States after the decontrol;

(b) the average profits obtained by a sugar factory which crush one lakh ton of sugarcane by way of sale of molasses; and

(c) the number of factories that have passed on 50 per cent profits through sale of molasses to the cane growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) A statement showing the levy

sugar zone-wise average realisation obtained from sale of molasses during 1993-94 season upto 31.3.1994 by 188 sugar factories from whom details are available is enclosed.

(b) Profit/loss of sugar factories depends on various factors such as adequate cane availability, size, age and condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial competence, cane price, sales realisation from sugar and bye products, etc. Thus, the average profits obtained by factories on account of sale of molasses alone cannot be separately identified.

(c) Income derived from sale of bye products, including molasses, is taken into account while computing the notified cost of production of sugar. Excess realisation by the sugar factories based on the aforesaid cost of production is to be shared between the cane growers and the sugar factories as provided under Clause 5A of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.

STATEMENT

Levy Sugar zone-wise Average Realization obtained from sale of Molasses during 1993-94 season upto 31.3.1994

<i>Levy sugar zone</i>	<i>Average realisation in Rs./Quintal</i>
Punjab	122.46
Haryana	64.72
Rajasthan	135.00
West Uttar Pradesh	94.86
Central Uttar Pradesh	81.30

<i>Levy sugar zone</i>	<i>Average realisation in Rs./Quintal</i>
East Uttar Pradesh	107.97
Madhya Pradesh	205.05
South Gujarat	164.69
Saurashtra	210.23
South Maharashtra	117.26
North Maharashtra	142.28
Central Maharashtra	138.48
Bihar	102.74
Orissa, Assam, Nagaland	245.27
West Bengal	
Andhra Pradesh	135.27
Karnataka	150.52
Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	106.87
Kerala, Goa & Coastal Karnataka	250.00

Rock Sculptures

*129. SHRI RABI RAY : SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in "Statesman" dated July 8, 1994 that the World famous rock sculptures of Ajanta, Ellora and Aurangabad are deteriorating due to environmental

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Complaint</i>
20.	Air and sound pollution by Panki Power House, Panki, Kanpur.
21.	Water pollution in Denva river at Bhairnva, due to a distiller unit.
23.	Air and water pollution due to M/s. Super Chemical Factory, Fatehpur.
24.	Noise pollution caused due to M/s Chopra Steel Industries at Lakhimpur.
24.	Air pollution caused by Tannery Waterhousing Units at Muzzafarnagar.
25.	Complaint about water pollution caused by M/s. Ganesh Paper Mills, Jajpura, Distt, Badhyuan.
26.	Water pollution caused by M/s Sanjay Paper Mills, Khaliabad, Distt, Basti.
27.	Water pollution caused by M/s Raina Paper Mills, Khalilabad Distt. Basti.
28.	Complaint of pollution of water due to M/s Uahunjhjnwala, Vanaspati Mills, Naupur, Distt. Jaunpur.
29.	Water pollution caused by M/s. Baghpat Sugar Industries, Baghpat, Distt. Meerut.

[English]

(b) if so, the details thereof;

Bonus to Farmers

1374. SHRI SOBHANADRESS-
WARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of
FOOD be pleased to state :

(c) the amount disbursed as bonus
during each of the last three years, State-
wise ;

(a) whether the Government are giving
bonus to farmers who contribute wheat
to central pool in several States particularly
in Punjab and Harvana ;

(d) whether the Government propose
to provide bonus to the paddy growers
also ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which bonus is likely to be given to the paddy growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c). A central incentive bonus of Rs.25/- per quintal was allowed by the Government to farmers on sale of wheat to public procuring agencies for Central Pool during 1st April to 30th June, 1992 and 1st April to 30th June, 1993 in 1992-93 and 1993-94 Rabi Marketing Seasons respectively.

(d) to (f). Government has no proposal to give bonus on paddy.

Commonwealth Games

1375. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state .

(a) whether India will participate in the coming Victoria Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details of the disciplines identified and preparation being made for this ;

(c) the number of participants and others likely to be sent for these Games and the criteria adopted for their selection; and

(d) the funds earmarked for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 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) Yes, Sir.

(b) India will participate in the Athletics, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, and Shooting. Continuous coaching camps, competition exposure abroad and supply of equipment of international quality has been ensured as part of our preparations for the Games.

(c) Indian Olympic Association have sent a proposal for participation of 95 sportspersons/officials in the Commonwealth Games, which is under consideration of Government. Quantitative qualifying standards were fixed for Athletics, Shooting and Weightlifting. In case of Boxing and Wrestling selection has been made on the basis of their performance in various competitions.

(d) A sum of Rs. 20 crores had been allocated for preparation of our teams and sportspersons for Asian games and Commonwealth Games.

[Translation]

"Rare Birds"

1376. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI :
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR :
PROF. RASASINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

diesel Locomotives are most fuel efficient and will cost much less than the imported ones ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the time by which the commercial production of such locomotives is likely to start ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. State-of-art diesel locomotives produced abroad are more fuel efficient.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A new 3100 h.p. diesel locomotive has been developed and the first locomotive is about to be turned out from Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi. This is more fuel efficient than existing diesel locomotive of Indian Railways but less efficient than State of the art locomotives produced abroad.

(d) Does not arise.

Commercial Crops

1409. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) the per hectare yield of major agricultural crops as well as commercial crops and oilseeds in the country ;

(b) whether the per hectare yield of these crops has not increased considerably

as compared to the yields in several other countries ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, particularly with regard to paddy, cotton, pulses land oil seeds ; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the per hectare yield at par with the average yield of Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Per hectare yield of major agricultural crops of foodgrains, commercial and oilseeds in the country during 1992-93 (latest available) is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) The per hectare yield of crops in the country has increased considerably which has shown a rate of growth of 2.84% per annum during the period 1980-81 to 1992-93. The yield of foodgrains oilseeds and cotton has shown rate of growth of 3.15, 2.72 and 4.20 per cent per annum respectively during the same period. Although significant increase in the yield has been achieved, yet the yield per hectare of crops in India is relatively lower than the developed countries.

(c) The reasons for low yield per hectare in India as compared to that in developed countries may be attributed to variation in availability and adoption of modern technology as well as differences in socio-economic and agro-economic conditions of farming.

(d) In order to increase the per hectare yield of various crops, the government is implementing various crop production

oriented programmes including distribution of minikits for improved seeds, subsidy on identified farm equipments, distribution of certified seeds, organisation of

demonstration and training to farmers for transfer of technology, expansion of irrigation facilities, besides providing price and market support etc.

STATEMENT

<i>Crop</i>		<i>Yield</i>
Rice	—	
	Kharif	1663
	Rabi	2758
	Total	1744
Wheat		2323
Jowar	—	
	Kharif	1224
	Rabi	674
	Total	989
Bajra		824
Maize	—	
	Kharif	1625
	Rabi	2523
	Total	1694
Ragi		1340
Small Millets		425
	Barley	1668
Coarse Cereals	—	
	Kharif	1100
	Rabi	924

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Yield</i>
	1065
	Total
Tur	663
Other Kharif Pulses	428
Gram	673
Other Rabi Pulses	605
Pulses	502
	641
	573
	1289
Foodgrains	1706
	1445
	Total

COMMERCIAL CROPS YIELD IN KGS. PER HECT. — 1992-93

(ALL INDIA)

<i>Crop</i>		<i>Yield</i>
Groundnut	—	
	Kharif	950
	Rabi	1601
	Total	1060
Castorseed		936
Sesamum		361
Nigerseed		308
Soyabean		856
Sunflower	—	
	Kharif	456
	Rabi	654
	Total	566
Rapeseed & Mustard		773
Linseed		305
Safflower		484
Total Oilseeds	—	
	Kharif	779
	Rabi	813
	Total	793
Sugarcane		63810
Cotton		261
Jute		1848
Mesta		968
Jute & Mesta		1658

Finally, I would put a point for your consideration. Now, today some Party is in power; tomorrow another Party may come to power and again a different Party may come to power. Are we going to establish this convention that at the demand of the Opposition, the Minister should be dropped or kept in the Cabinet? Is it not the prerogative of the Prime Minister and should it not be the prerogative of the Prime Minister, in a parliamentary democracy, to decide which Minister should be dropped, which Minister should be retained and which Member should be taken in the Cabinet?....[Interruptions]

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune): Those who are responsible for corruption should be dropped....[Interruptions]

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Should there be an insistence from the Opposition? It is a joint responsibility of the Government. You can attack the Government. You can attack the Government's policy. I submit, with all humility, that in a parliamentary democracy it will be a bad precedent if we follow the practice of including or dropping somebody or some other person from the Cabinet at the insistence of the Opposition benches. I urge upon you to consider all those points...[Interruptions]. From the point of view of parliamentary procedure, it is necessary first to discuss this Report and thereafter insist upon the Government to make another Report in the light of the discussion, which would take place in this House.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with deep anguish, I inform your goodself our Party's decision to resign from several Committees, to which our Party Members have been appointed or nominated in

connection with the functioning of our responsibilities. We are doing this with a heavy heart in protest against the Government's stonewalling of this very serious matter.

Sir, you are very good enough in trying to break the impasse for the last several days. Sir, you have taken so much pains and you have convened the meetings. But we are very sorry to state that the Government is not replying to your efforts.

Sir, without repeating what our learned leaders, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri Sharad Yadav, Shri Somnath Chatterjee and Shri Indrajit Gupta have already stated, I would like to say two words in this respect.

Sir, apart from the wording, which Shri Sharad Dighe has just now accepted, about words like 'punwarranted' or 'punfair' here, the question is that it is not only an affront to the respect of the Committees and of the House, but also because a wrong signal is being sent to the entire country that this Government is not really serious about the securities scam. People feel that if a matter in which Rs.5,000 crore to Rs.6,000 crore of public money is lost and nearly Rs.50,000 crore of investors' money is lost, is not a serious matter to draw the attention of Government and to invite comments from the JPC, does the Government feel that only when lakhs of crores of rupees are lost, that alone would warrant a comment from the Committees? People are feeling that way and it is sending wrong signals even to foreign countries also about the sincerity of the Government in taking action against the culprits.

I would like to humbly submit that this Government has been saying—in the Report

also it has been consistently saying—that it is a system failure. But when the Committee has given a concrete suggestion to plug the deficiencies in the system failure, for example, that the bouncing of SGL should be made punishable, the Government has not accepted it. They are referring it to some Committee again to suggest some amendments.

Sir, on the other day when the hon. Prime Minister was going abroad to USA, to satisfy those multi-national corporations like the IMF and the World Bank, a National Telecom Policy was announced just before his getting into the plane without deciding the crucial issues, such as how the foreign equity percentage should be allowed, what steps are coming in the way of the nation's security and defence point of view. Still, the Government announced the National Telecom Policy. They have not come forward with an amendment about the bouncing of SGL.

Also, with deep anguish I would like to say that the whole security scam had taken place because of the role of the brokers in these inter-bank transactions on securities and the JPC had recommended that this issue should be seriously considered. But the Government has expressed its opinion that there is nothing to worry and still it has to be allowed in future also. When the Nationalised Banks themselves are in need of some security, from one bank to the other, why should a broker come in the way and go away with a lot of money as commission? We have seen all these nonsensical things. All these things coincide with our views. (*Interruptions*)

I am not going into the merits. I only just wanted to pinpoint a few issues that

show very clearly the Government's intention not to act on the JPC Report. That is why we have been insisting that this Report should be withdrawn. In spite of the fact that the Government has not agreed that there is nothing wrong in the Report in the beginning, and at a later stage, the Finance Minister has agreed that certain words are detrimental to the dignity of the Committee, to the respect of the Committee and through that Parliament, why does the Government stand on prestige to withdraw this Report?

I request the Government to withdraw this Action Taken Report and come forward with a real Action Taken Report taking action on the recommendations made by the JPC and then only can any fruitful purpose be served in discussing it. Till such time, the Members of our Party have decided to dissociate themselves with the Parliamentary Committees. If the Government does not amend its behaviour, we have also decided to boycott the further proceedings of this Session.

13. 00 hrs.

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Ponnani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to be very brief. I do not want to speak, at this moment, on the merits of this JPC Report. What I say is that the attitude the Government has adopted on the JPC Report has destroyed the democracy in this country. The Report was a unanimous Report and rejecting a unanimous Report is an insult to the entire Parliament and we cannot be a party to such a behaviour on the part of the Government.

I would have always liked the Government to have the grace to come forward and have withdrawn the Report. I

of BIFR.

MR SPEAKER: Whether cooperatives sector also come under the purview of BIFR:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: They do not come.

SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA: There is a company namely Instrumentation Limited in Rajasthan which has two units at Kota and at Jaipur. The instruments manufactured by this company are used in defence and telecommunication departments. This company is also running in losses. If these departments continue to purchase its instruments the company can be saved. What are your future plans in this regard?

MR SPEAKER: Please send it in writing.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Alright, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Administrative Reforms

141. SHRI SOBHANANDREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the necessary administrative reforms have not yet been brought forward to help the process of economic reforms and liberalisation; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in bringing forward the administrative reforms at the Central and State Government levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir, Necessary steps have already been taken.

(b):The question does not arise.

[Translation]

Fertilizer Units

*142 SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to modernise the public sector fertilizer units and to make them profit-oriented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the profit made and loss incurred by each unit during each of the last three years;

(d) the total capital invested in each unit; and

(e) the funds required to modernise these units?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS: (SHRI RAMLAKHANSINGH YADAV): (a), (b) and (e) : The details of the major modernisation schemes of the public sector fertilizer companies and their estimated costs are given in the enclosed statement

(c) and (d) : The details of paid up capital and profit/loss of the public sector fertilizer producing companies are given below:-

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>River Basin</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Quantity of Water allocated to Rajasthan</i>
		Dispute Tribunal Award 1979	
3.	Ravi & Beas Waters	Inter State Agreement on Ravi-Bease Waters of 1981	11.972
4.	Yamuna Waters	Memorandum of Understanding allocation of surface flow of Yamuna of May, 94	1.119

(d) Does not arise.

ment during the last three years?

[English]

Irrigation Projects

1672. SHRI SOBHANDREESWARA
RAO VADDE:
SHRI DHARMA BHIKSHAM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Union Government;

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

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the details of irrigation projects which have been cleared by the Union Govern-

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) A Statement giving details of new major and medium irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh at the Centre is attached.

(c) Clearance of the project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies and obtains clearances from the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Ministry of Welfare as required.

(d) 5 Medium Irrigation Projects namely, Yerrakalava, Maddileru, Kaulasnala, Buggawanka & Chelamelavagu have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission at estimated cost of Rs. 46.519 Crores, Rs. 28.56 Crores, Rs. 20.487 Crores, Rs. 25.916 Crores & Rs. 22.99 Crores respectively during the last three years.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT GIVING DETAILS OF NEW MAJOR & MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

S. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost (Rs. Crores)	Area benefitted (Hectares)	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
MAJOR					
1.	Jurala	204.75	47,840	9/80	Techno-economically appraised and accepted by the Advisory Committee in 4/88 for Rs. 204.75 Crores subject to environment and Forests. Environment clearance received in 4/94. The State Govt. is required to update the cost estimates.
2.	Vamsadhara State - II	410.74	50,960	3/79	Techno-economically appraised and accepted by the Advisory Commit-

S. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost (Rs. Crores)	Area benefitted (Hectares)	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
					<p>tee in 12/91 for Rs. 275.74 crores. The State is required to obtain environment and forest clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and clearance of Ministry of Welfare on rehabilitation and resettlement aspects. Based on mathematical model study done by Central Water Commission, the State is also required to sort out the submergence issue with Orissa.</p>
3.	Yeleru	335.34	27,360	1/93	<p>Techno-economically appraised and accepted by the Advisory Committee in 3/93 for Rs. 335.34 crores. The State is required to obtain environment and forest clearances from Ministry of Environment and Forests and clearance of Ministry of Welfare on Rehabilitation</p>

S. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost (Rs. Crores)	Area benefitted (Hectares)	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Telugu Ganga Project	1120.00	199,000	12/83	<p>and resettlement aspects. The State is also required to sort out the issue regarding charging for water for industrial water supply.</p> <p>It has been techno-economically examined by Central Water Commission, but the Advisory Committee in 4/88 deferred consideration due to non-resolution of inter-state issues. The project has also been cleared from environment and forest angles. The State is required to obtain concurrence of other Krishna basin States or establish techno-economic viability of the proposal to save 29 T MC of water on other Krishna basin schemes in Andhra Pradesh for utilisation on this project.</p>

S. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost (Rs. Crores)	Area benefitted (Hectares)	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	K.C. Canal Modernisation	198.00	106,000	11/92	The State is required to submit detailed project report as per guidelines of Central Water Commission.
6.	Pulichintala	268.64	No additional irrigation benefits but 60 MW Power proposed.	7/93	The State is required to sort out various techno-economic issues and also obtain clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Welfare.
7.	Flood flow Canal from Sriramsagar	1334.00	89,030	12/93	The State Government is required to sortout various techno-economic issues with the Central Water Commission.
MEDIUM					
1.	Pedderu	26.23	6,460	9/91	Techno-economically examined and accepted by the Advisory Committee

S. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost (Rs. Crores)	Area benefitted (Hectares)	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Palemvagu	29.13	6,230	1/86	in 11/93 subject to obtaining clearance of Ministry of Welfare on rehabilitation/resettlement plans and provision of adequate funds by the State. Techno-economically examined and accepted by the Advisory Committee in 11/93 subject to obtaining of forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and provision of adequate funds by the State Government.

Delegation to Kathmandu

1730. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan has made Kathmandu a centre for launching terrorist activities in the districts of Uttar Pradesh bordering Nepal;

(b) if so, whether a high level delegation of his Ministry was sent to Kathmandu by the Government between January 11 and 14, 1994 to inquire into the matter;

(c) if so, whether the said delegation has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the main recommendations made by the delegation;

(e) the follow-up action being taken in this regard; and

(f) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Government have received reports that Pak ISI has been using Kathmandu for activities directed against India.

(b) to (f) As part of our cooperation

with a friendly neighbour, talks are held at various levels on matters of mutual interest. As a part of such process, an official delegation of this Ministry visited Kathmandu in January 1994 to exchange views on areas of mutual interest and relevant issues to promote cooperation on an on-going basis.

[English]

National Water Management Schemes

1731. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned any irrigation project under the National Water Management Scheme for implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas of agricultural land likely to be included under the above project; and

(c) the funds earmarked by the Union Government for this project?

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 (c) Ten sub-projects have been approved by the Government of India under the National Water Management Project (NWMP) for implementation in Andhra Pradesh. The details of these schemes are as under :-

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Sl. No.	Name of Sub-project	Date of inclusion under NWMP	Culturable Command Area ('000 ha.)	Original estimated cost (Rs. million)	Cumulative Expenditure upto 3/94 (Rs. Million)
1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Investment Component:					
1.	Thandava	12/87	23	51.1	51.9
2.	Musi	5.90	13	33.4	30.8
3.	Dindi	3/90	7	16.4	14.6
4.	Bhairavanithippa	3/90	5	12.1	5.7
5.	Upper Pennar	5/90	4	9.9	8.7
6.	RDS	7/88	25	61.4	28.8
7.	Mylavaram	9/90	30	75.6	41.9

Sl. No.	Name of Sub-project	Date of inclusion under NWMP	Culturable Command Area ('000 ha.)	Original estimated cost (Rs. million)	Cumulative Expenditure upto 3/94 (Rs. Million)
1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	K.C. Canal	3/92	31	89.4	19.3
9.	TBR LLC	3/92	11	33.2	2.0
10.	Nizamsagar	3/92	94	230.5	39.0
	Sub total (A)		243	613.0	242.7
B.	Engineering and Administration	—	—	149.0	32.3
	Grand Total (A + B)		243	762.0	275.0

(d) The present flood forecasting system is considered to be adequate.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) During 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 total expenditure incurred on flood forecasting in Godavari Basin are Rs. 59.16 lakhs, Rs. 63.02 lakhs and Rs. 72.63 lakhs respectively.

(h) The present flood forecasting accuracy is considered to be adequate.

[*Translation*]

Attacks on Police Personnel in Kashmir

1765. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the terrorists attacked the police personnel in Kashmir during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of efforts made by the Government so far to curb terrorism in the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) According to information made available by the State Government of J & K, during the period from April to June, 1994, there were 24 incidents of attacks on Police Personnel, including 7 cases of abduction in which three Police personnel, including a Lady Constable, were killed.

(c) Anti-terrorist operations have been further intensified and stepped up, including augmentation of the security forces in vulnerable areas.

[*English*]

T.V. Camera Unit at Vijayawada

1766. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations for sanction of a T.V. Camera Unit at Vijayawada to cover important programmes; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said Unit is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to locate a Camera Unit at Vijayawada by transfer from Hyderabad shortly.

Flood Prone Areas

1768. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have identified the flood prone areas in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures undertaken in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

(b) if so, whether it is readily available in the market;

(c) whether the medicine has been used for patients in the Government hospitals;

(d) if so, whether any side effects have been detected; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The drug has been under clinical trial at 4 centres involving 191 patients under treatment of approved Haematologists. The reports of the clinical trials are being examined in consultation with experts. The side effects of the drug reported during clinical trials include joint-pains Neutropenia (lowering of white blood cells) gastro-intestinal intolerance and vomiting. The adverse reactions reported have been claimed to be transient and reversible on stoppage of the drug.

[*Translation*]

Population Control in Gujarat

1781. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought additional financial assistance from the Union Government to control population in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government

thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Import of Medical Equipments

1782. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government provide assistance to the entrepreneurs who wish to import latest medical equipments; and

(b) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b) Under the Export and Import Policy, 1992-97, as amended, import of medical equipment is allowed without restriction. Rates of customs duty have been reduced during the current year.

Nagarjuna Sagar Lift Canal System

1783. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government to Andhra Pradesh for Nagarjuna Sagar Lift Canal System;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to provide more financial assistance for this project; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

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) The proposal for Nagarjuna Sagar Life Canal System has not been received at the Centre for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Cells

1784. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Ministries which have set up SC/ST cells; and

(b) the time by which the remaining Ministries/Departments are likely to set up these cells?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The names of the Ministries/Departments which have set up SC/ST Cells are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) The remaining Ministries/Departments have been advised to set up SC/ST Cells at the earliest.

STATEMENT

Ministries/Departments which have set up SC/ST Cell

1. Ministry of Agriculture, D/O Agriculture and Cooperation

2. Department of Atomic Energy
3. Department of Civil Aviation
4. Department of Tourism
5. Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution
6. Ministry of Coal
7. Ministry of Commerce
8. Department of Supply
9. Department of Posts
10. Ministry of Defence
11. Department of Defence Production and Supplies
12. Department of Defence Research and Development
13. Department of Electronics
14. Ministry of Environment and Forests
15. Ministry of External Affairs
16. Department of Revenues
17. Ministry of Food
18. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
19. Ministry of Home Affairs
20. Department of Official Language
21. Department of Culture

glass?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c): Government has not received any complaint about import in to India of any type of glass which has been declared allegedly harmful for human life in developed countries.

[English]

Vijayawada Airport

1804 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to development to the Vijayawada Airport to make it suitable for operation of Boeing aircraft; and

(b) the technical and financial details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): state Government of Andhra Pradesh has handed over 79.57 acres of land to NAA. The work for construction of Compound wall on this land is in progress. National Airports Authority have a plan for extension and strengthening of the runway, construction of a terminal building and provision of modern navigational aids at a cost of Rs.18 be provided by the government of Andhra Pradesh as interest free loan. The Indian

Airlines are assessing the traffic potential to/from Vijayawada airport.

Bank Strikes

1805 SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a number of strike of bank employees during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details therefor, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the assessment of loss sustained by the Government as a result thereof during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHRA MURTHY): (a) and (b). During the period 1992-93 (upto July 1994) banking industry has faced 12 strikes, details of which are given to the Statement attached.

(c) Strikes in the banking industry do cause great inconvenience to the public and huge financial loss to the trade and industry as the business cannot be transacted and clearing houses do not function on the strike dates. However, it is not possible to quantify the losses in monetary terms on this account.

(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):(a) Yes, Sir. As reported by Engineering Export Promotion Council, during April and May 1994 engineering exports have shown a growth of 4.36% in dollar terms.

(b) The slowdown in growth is primarily on account of decline in exports of primary and semi-finished Iron and Steel items.

(c) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Measures taken to boost exports include various incentives under the Export-Import Policy including Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licences etc., Duty Drawback Scheme, exemption under section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act, assistance from Market Development Fund and making available deferred credit and line of credit to facilitate exports. Engineering goods exporters also received promotional support under the various activities of Engineering Export Promotion Council.

Janata Cloth

1849. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI SOBHANADRE
ESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy being provided on Janata cloth has been reduced;

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

(c) the quantity of Janata cloth produced during 1993-94, State-wise and the estimated subsidy thereof;

(d) the amount of subsidy which was

payable to the weavers as on April 1, 1994; and

(e) the number of weavers or weavers families engaged in the production of Janata cloth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) No eligible subsidy was payable as on April 1, 1994.

(e) The Janata cloth generated an estimated employment of 4.36 lakhs during the year 1993-94.

State-wise production of Janata cloth during the year 1993-94.

(Figures in Million Square Metres)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>Production</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37.16
2.	Assam	28.00
3.	Bihar	10.00
4.	Gujarat	3.92
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.40
6.	Karnataka	22.86
7.	Madhya Pradesh	14.43
8.	Maharashtra	20.02

9.	Orissa	10.09
10.	Punjab	1.05
11.	Rajasthan	5.35
12.	Tamil Nadu	39.89
13.	Tripura	1.18
14.	Uttar Pradesh	42.65
15.	West Bengal	16.28
Total:		253.28

*Estimated

II. Estimated subsidy for the production of 253.28 sq.mtrs. of janata cloth Rs.3.40 per sq.mtrs. (Rs. in crores) 86.12

Deposit of P.F. By TTCI

1850. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of the tea gardens under the Tea Trading Corporation of India have failed to deposit Provident Fund money realised from the workers to the regional Provident Fund Commissioner;

(b) if so, the details of such amount and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for realising the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):(a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

World Bank/ IMF Suggestions Regarding Banking System

1851. SHRI AMAL DATTA :Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank and the(IMC) have suggested some basic changes in the country's banking system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V.CHANDRA SHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The areas of Financial Sector Reforms including changes in the banking sector are analysed in the report of the high powered Narasimhan Committee on Financial Sector Reforms, which was set up in the month of August, 2992. The recommendations of this Committee are being implemented in a phased manner.

Silchar Airport

1852. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Silchar Airport is purely a civil airport at present and caters to the needs of the people belonging to this border area of the country,

(b) whether the Government propose to hand-over the airport to the National Airports Authority;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?