

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount in Rs. crores</i>
1	2
1987-88	110.90
1988-89	170.35
1989-90	188.50 (upto February)

The quantum of refinance to be provided by NABARD for short term purposes is determined on the basis of the lending programme projected by the State Cooperative Bank.

Smuggling of Jute Seeds

7613. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is smuggling of jute seeds from India to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to check the jute seeds smuggling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Some instances of smuggling of jute seeds in small quantities from India to Bangladesh have been noticed.

(b) Ready availability of better quality of seeds comparatively at cheaper rate on Indian side as compared to Bangladesh.

(c) The Anti-Smuggling Units in the bordering areas with Bangladesh have been alerted and instructions have been issued to maintain a strict vigil to thwart attempts of

smuggling of jute seeds from India to Bangladesh.

Recommendation of Economic Advisory Council

7615. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Advisory Council has recommended a far reaching strategy for generating productive employment maintaining the tempo of growth in exports and restructuring of industrial investment by laying down certain priorities in technology upgradation and modernisation of capital goods etc.;

(b) if so, whether in its interim report a number of strategies to be evolved for an employment-oriented development in the 90's have been presented to Union Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Union Government thereto and how many of them have been accepted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The interim report of the

Economic Advisory Council has evaluated the economic performance of the country over the preceding period and mentioned the aggregate employment effect of growth had been much slower than needed. The development strategy must aim at creation of more productive employment specially from the point of view of distributional aspect. Some of the major policy issues identified in the report are as follows:

- i) A widely dispersed agricultural growth, labour intensive land development to improve agricultural production providing income to the poor.
- ii) Emphasis on generation of employment in the economy as a whole, and not just in a single sector.
- iii) Expansion of well conceived strategy for more efficient functioning of small Scale units through updating of machinery and equipment and widen dispersal for generation of more employment.
- iv) Formulation of well conceived strategy for more efficient functioning of small scale units through updating of machinery and equipment and widen dispersal for generation of more employment.
- v) Promotion of efficient export earning sectors like garments, leather manufacturer and agro-based items which will help in reducing import intensity of export as well as to promote further employment.
- vi) Technological upgradation and modernisation for core industries supplying primary and intermediate inputs and capital goods.

The Government's approach to the employment oriented planning will be reflected in the Eight Plan.

Foreign Tourists in 1989-90

7616. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists to India during the year 1989-90; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned by the Government during 1989-90 from the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The number of foreign tourists including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh who visited India during the year 1989-90 was 17,65,079.

(b) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1989-90 were provisionally estimated as Rs. 2456 crores.

[*Translation*]

Loans Advanced by Banks for House Building in Uttar Pradesh

7617. DR. BANGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cooperative and other banks in Uttar Pradesh have sanctioned house building loans to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, low and middle income groups people including economically weaker sections as per the norms fixed by Union Government; and

(b) if so, the district-wise, details thereof?