

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?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). All scheduled commercial banks and the urban cooperative banks have been instructed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide housing finance to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, economically weaker sections and other categories including low and middle income groups throughout the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh as per norms prescribed by them from time to time. The housing finance falling under the following categories is classified as 'Priority Sector' lending:

- i) Direct Finance- loans upto Rs. 5,000/- each granted to SC/ST and economically weaker sections
- ii) Indirect Finance - assistance given to any governmental agency for purpose of constructing houses exclusively for the benefit of SC/STs and economically weaker sections and where loans component does not exceed Rs 5,000/- per unit

The present data reporting system does not generate district-wise information. However, the outstanding balance of advance towards housing under Priority Sector of all scheduled commercial banks in Uttar Pradesh as on June, 1988 (latest available) was Rs. 17.22 crores

[English]

#### **Sweepers in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur**

7618 SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The total number of sweepers working in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur on temporary and part-time basis and period since when they are working;

(b) whether instructions of Department of Personnel and Training regarding appointment of persons holding post of sweepers, farrashes etc. as peons have been followed by the Bank; and

(c) if so, the number of sweepers appointed as peons during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur has reported that there are no temporary Sweepers on its rolls. The total number of part time Sweepers working in the bank as on 1.1 1990 was 469.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 49.

#### **Promotion of Peon in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur**

7619 SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of promotions made in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur from Peon Cadre to Record-cum-godown Keeper in March, 1987,

(b) the number of SC/ST candidates who appeared in the interviews held in this regard and how many were selected finally;

(c) whether interviews were held in 1988 at Jaipur for recruitment of Armed Guards in the Bank;

(d) whether the interest of SC/ST candidates was protected by including SC/ST representatives in the above interview committee and

(e) if not, the action initiated by Government against the erring officials of the Bank for violation of Government directives?