

and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Waiver of Loans Advance Under Self Employment Scheme

768. SHRI RAM PRASAD CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to write off the loans given to unemployed persons under the self-employment scheme is under the consideration of Government;

(b) the amount advanced under the self-employment scheme in the form of loans in rural areas which is yet to be realised; and

(c) whether the regional balance has been kept in view while granting loans under the self-employment scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The data reporting system from banks under the Self Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) does not generate the information rural and non-rural area wise. During the year 1988-89, loans to 1.92 lakh beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 404.61 crores were sanctioned under the scheme. The state-wise targets of beneficiaries are fixed by the Government of India annually for the States. The latter, in turn, allocate the targets to the districts.

[*English*]

Austerity Programme of Government

769. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of austerity programmes or the steps proposed/taken by Government;

(b) the savings in foreign exchange and in rupee expected during 1990-91; and

(c) the procedure adopted by Government for monitoring the progress?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The following instructions have been issued to contain Government Expenditure.

(i) all the Government Ministries/Departments have been asked to absorb additional commitments on Dearness Allowance within the provision made for establishment expenditure.

(ii) the Ministries/Departments have been asked to locate savings within their budget to match the supplementaries sought for by them.

(iii) the Ministries/Departments have also been requested to review the whole range of functions being performed by them with a view to reducing functions and activities which are no longer relevant or can be performed more economically in some other way.

(iv) Ministries/Departments have been asked to wind up the foreign offices of promotional agencies under their control.

(v) it has been decided to class Washington and London.

(vi) instructions have been issued to cut foreign travel expenditure so