

The pilot project "impact" for manpower development in electronics and computers. It aims at improving the quality of under graduate education in electronics and computers. The project is jointly funded by the World Bank (US \$ 8 million), Swiss Development Corporation (US \$ 16.2 million) and the Government of India (Rs.4.0 Crores). The project covers 32 participating institutions. An amount of Rs. 25.0 crores has so far been spent on the project with the Government of India contribution of Rs. 4.0 Crores for civil works. The project is due for mid-term review in the last quarter of 1994.

Bhopal Gas Tragedy

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BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the observations made by the International Medical Commission on MIC-leakage tragedy in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to review the data collected by the Indian Council of Medical Research and other organisations on Bhopal gas tragedy for evaluating the needs of the MIC-affected population; and;

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS : (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV) (a) and (b) : Government have not received any report from the

Commission.

(c) and (d). The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has set up a Review Committee to evaluate the on-going projects at Bhopal and Advice on the future leads. The Review Committee has decided that the analysis of the detailed data already collected should be done and research leads which may emerge could be considered for future studies. In the meantime it decided that the following two projects should be undertaken :-

- i) Long term epidemiological studies on the health effects of toxic gas exposure through community health clinics to be continued till December, 1994 to complete 10 years of follow up and one year for data analysis i.e. till 1995.
- ii) Population based cancer registry for long term follow up is likely to be transferred to the Council's National Cancer Registry Programme.

Agriculture Sector

*148 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested in agriculture sector during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of total investment made in this sector; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote investment in agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Gross Capital Formation in agriculture sector at current prices in 1991-92 was Rs. 13338 crores and in 1992-93 it increased to Rs. 15633 crores. The Central Statistical Organisation collects information at the National level and State-wise information is not available.

(b) The share of the agriculture sector in the total Gross Capital Formation in 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 10.0 per cent and 9.9 per cent respectively.

(c) During the Eighth Five Year Plan, a significant shift in investment is proposed in favour of thrust areas like horticulture, fisheries, rainfed farming, creation of infrastructure for minor irrigation, post-harvest management etc, under agriculture and allied sector. The Plan outlay for Agriculture & related sectors including Agriculture and Allied Activities, Rural Development, Special Area Programmes and Irrigation and Flood Control during 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 15360.85 crores and Rs. 18855.69 crores respectively.

[*Translation*]

Unemployment in Gujarat

149. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken steps to control the unemployment problem in rural areas of the country particularly of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been allocated for the purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d). The level of employment in a State depends on the pace and pattern of development in the State. However, a number of steps have been taken by the Central Government to control the unemployment problem in rural areas of the country including the State of Gujarat. Three major Centrally Sponsored Programmes which are being implemented to increase the employment opportunities in the rural areas throughout the country including the State of Gujarat are ; Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). JRY and EAS are wage-employment programmes whereas IRDP is a self-employment programme. Intensified JRY or JRY Second Stream was introduced in 120 backward districts of the country where there is a concentration of unemployment and under-employment in 1993-94. Six districts of Gujarat are covered under the Second stream of JRY. The Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented in 1778 blocks in 261 districts of the country of which 97 blocks are in Gujarat.

The total funds allocated under JRY, AS and IRDP in the country and particularly in the State of Gujarat during the first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan is given in the enclosed statement.