

been given clearance by protector of Emigrants to work as maids in Singapore.

(b) Names and details of the Indian and Singapore agencies which are involved in the recruitment of Indian maids from the north east region are as follows :

- (1) S.S. Navalkar, Uniexports, Navalkars Tours & Travels, 47, Laxmi Bldg. 3rd Floor, P.M. Road, Bombay-400 001 Tel : 2663434/2679093.
- (2) Akid Zaman, H & Z International Inc., Jayanta Commercial Centre, Panchavati G.N.B. Road Guwahati (Assam).
- (3) Mrs. Winnie Wang, Further Creation Investment Pvt. Ltd. Singapore Tel : 2250707.

Nuclear Policy

68. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have revised their nuclear and disarmament policies in the context of the indefinite extension of NPT which legitimised the five nation nuclear monopoly; and

(b) if so, the result of such a review indicating the final decision taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b). Government's principled and consistent position on nuclear disarmament is well known. The decision taken by states parties to indefinitely extend the NPT does not change our position which enjoys national consensus. While we are opposed to the NPT since it is a discriminatory treaty, we remain committed to the goal of non-proliferation. India will continue to work for achieving genuine non-proliferation through elimination of all nuclear weapons. India's nuclear programme is extensive and geared exclusively towards peaceful purposes. However the security situation of India remains constantly under review and Government will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

[Translation]

Over Bridge on NH-31

69. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN PAPPU YADAV : Will the

Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the number of over-bridges proposed to be constructed by the Government on the National Highway-31?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIM. RAJASEKARA MURTHY) : In the Eight Five Year Plan there is a provision for construction of two Railway Over Bridges on NH-31.

[English]

Financial aid to ASEP

70. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received any proposal requesting financial assistance to strengthen the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB);

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Joint Sector Projects by Japan

71. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Japan is keen to set up joint sector projects in India in the field of agro food;

(b) if so, the details of the projects received from Japan in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A list of foreign technical/financial collaboration cases approved by the Government from August, 1991 to March, 1995 for Food Processing Industries between Indian and Japanese companies is given in the enclosed statement.