

Assistance to U.P. for Repairing Roads Damaged by Earthquake

*312. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for repairing the roads in hilly areas damaged by the recent earthquake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure in force from 1.4.1990, there is an annual allocation of Rs. 90.00 crores under Calamity Relief fund of Uttar Pradesh consisting of Rs. 67.50 crores Central contribution and Rs. 22.50 crores State contribution. The entire Central contribution for the current year has since been released. Depending on the extent of damage to various sectors, including roads, the State Government can incur expenditure from the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund on their repairs.

Setting up of Oil Refinery In Rajasthan

*313. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where oil refineries have been set up during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up any oil refinery in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No new refineries

have been set up in last three years.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Anti India Propaganda in Western Countries

*314. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Labour party leaders have reiterated that their Government would raise the Kashmir issue in the United Nations to resolve it in conformity with the U.N. resolutions:

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

(c) whether the Government are aware of anti-India propaganda in Western countries;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken by the government to counter this anti-India propaganda during 1991, country-wise;

(f) whether the Indian diplomats are greatly affected by this propaganda; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a) From time to time, some leaders have been urging that the Kashmir issue should be resolved in conformity with United Nations