

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALWA) : (a) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is the nodal agency for providing cyclone warnings in India. Cyclone warnings are provided by IMD's six Cyclone Warning Centres (Calcutta, Bhubaneswar, Vishakhapatnam, Madras, Bombay and Ahmedabad) by monitoring the movement of the cyclones with the help of conventional observations, high power cyclone detection radars INSAT Satellite and then forecasting the path and intensity of cyclones. The cyclone warnings are provided in two stages. In the first stage, a "Cyclone Alert" is issued 48 hours in advance of commencement of adverse weather along the coast. In the second stage, a "Cyclone Warning" is issued 24 hours in advance of the cyclone's anticipated landfall. The Ports are warned by means of a Special Port warning service.

Flood warnings are provided by the Central Water Commission (CWC) of the Ministry of Water Resources through a network of 157 flood forecasting stations on various interstate rivers of the country. Warning time at the existing stations varies from Station to Station between 6 hours and 36 hours.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Meteorological Observational network especially in the coastal areas, is being strengthened and the INSAT based Disaster Warning System (DWS) network at present available on Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu Coasts is being expanded.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRUNCH IN PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS

244 SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY

SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Central Public Sector Undertakings are in trouble on

account of non-availability of foreign exchange.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Public Sector Undertakings may not get foreign supplies due to foreign exchange crunch; to meet the contractual obligations; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

MANUFACTURE OF NARCOTIC FORMULATIONS

245. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANT-RAO PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the manufacture of narcotic formulations used for anaesthetic purpose in order to save a huge amount of foreign exchange, and

(b) if so, the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) and (b) As and when such a request is received it will be considered on merits and subject to compliance of the provisions of various Acts like the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 etc.

CORRUPTION AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANTS

246. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY .

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of investigation has booked a number of public

servants for corruption and criminal activities, during the month of April this year,

(b) if so, the details of the public servants so booked and the alleged involvement in such activities and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken against the public servants involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) Yes Sir

(b) 170 public servants of which 121 of Gazetted status, are involved in 104 cases registered by the CBI during April 1991, on the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of incomes, showing undue official favours and criminal misconduct etc

(c) regular cases have been registered against officials concerned

[*Translation*]

SEPARATE ALLOCATIONS FOR SC/STs

247 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to earmark separate funds in the Central Budget in proportionate to the population of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and spend this amount for this section of community only on priority basis and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

[*English*]

INCENTIVES TO SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE INDUSTRIES

248 SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the measures under consideration to give a boost to small and medium scale industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) A number of measures have been taken by Government to boost small scale industries. These include provision of infrastructural support and a package of incentives and concessions like concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support through reservation of items for exclusive production in the small sector, reservation of items for purchase from small scale units, supply of machinery on hire purchase basis by National Small Industries Corporation, provision of technical consultancy services, provision of industrial accommodation, testing facilities, common facility services and other infrastructural facilities.

IMPROVEMENT IN PLANNING PROCESS

250 SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAY-YA SADUI Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are contemplating steps to improve the planning process during the Eighth Plan period so that the benefits of various developmental schemes actually reach the intended beneficiaries and

(b) if so the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) and (b) Developmental Planning is a dynamic and continuous process. Efforts are made to improve on the planning process, while formulating each Five Year Plan, based on the experience gained from the past.