Position in respect of anti-poverty programmes in urban areas is given below:

- Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor: The scheme is implemented by public sector banks and the Central Government provides capital subsidy at the rate of 25% of the total amount of loan and is routed through the public sector banks. The Central Government releases the subsidy to the RBI. There is no statewise allocation of funds under the scheme. During the period 1988-91, a sum of Rs. 76.65 crores has been released to RBI.
- Nehru Rozgar Yojana: informa-(ii) tion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deposits of Pyrites in Sikar District

46. SHRIGIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge deposits of pyrites have been found in Sikar district of Rajasthan:
- (b) whether Pyrites and Chemicals Limited has formulated a plan to set up a sulphuric acid and superphosphate plant there: and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be approved by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTIL-IZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited, a public sector company, has submitted a Detailed Project Report and a proposal for setting up a plant to manufacture sulphuric acid and single superphosphate. No date by which the project is likely to be approved, can be given.

[English]

Pineapple Processing Industry in Kerala

- 47. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the European Economic Community or any other funding agency has agreed to finance for establishing Pineapole Processing Industry at or near Muvattupuzha in Kerala:
- (b) whether EEC or any other external agency has caused inspection to that effect: and
 - (c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). A horticulture and Agro Processing Developmental Project including Pineapple Processing in the State of Kerala was prepared and posed for EEC assistance. The EEC's Appraisal Mission visited various parts of Kerala and appraised the project.

(c) The draft technical and administrative provision on the project have been approved by the Govt, of India, Govt, of Kerala and the EEC

Rural Roads Corporation

- 48. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: WILL the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a Rural Roads Corporation; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and by what time it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Decentralisation of Industries

- 49. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) the specific steps taken by the Government for decentralisation of industries:
- (b) the numbers of small, medium and large scale industries, State-wise; and
- (c) the achievement of the Government after the announcement of the new Industrial policy upto date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy, there is no requirement of obtaining industrial approval from the Central Government in locations other than cities of more than one million population except for a short list of 18 industries subject to compulsory

licensing. An entrepreneur is free to locate an industrial unit anywhere in India as long as it conforms to the locational policy of the Government and subject to zoning and land use regulations and environment legislation.

- (b) A statement indicating the number of existing units registered with the DGTD in the organised sector and in the small scale sector registered with the State/UT Directorate of Industries, is attached.
- (c) Under the new Industrial Policy, and entrepreneur is only required to file Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) with Secretariat for industrial Approval mainly for data purposes. Powers have been delegated to the Reserve Bank of India for grant of automatic approval for direct foreign investment upto 51% foreign equity in high priority industries as well as for grant of foreign technology agreements covered within the specified parameters. Foreign Investment Promotion Board has also been set up to invite and facilitate investment in India by international companies in projects which are considered to be of benefit to the Indian economy and which do not fall within parameters of existing policy. MRTP Act, 1969 has been amended through and Ordinance on 27th September, 1991 doing away with the requirement of clearance of Department of Company Affairs under Section 21 and 22 of the said Act.