

are being worked out and will be incorporated in the Eighth Plan document.

VISIT OF STUDY TEAM OF PLANNING COMMISSION TO EASTERN UTTAR PRADESH

240. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Government team to visit eastern Uttar Pradesh" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated October 8, 1990;

(b) whether any study team of the Planning Commission visited the eastern districts of U.P.;

(c) if so, the details of the districts visited by the team;

(d) the outcome of the visit; and

(e) the action taken on the recommendations made by the team ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir, We have seen the news items.

(b) to (e) No team from Planning Commission has visited eastern Uttar Pradesh in the recent past.

EXPANSION OF PETROCHEMICALS INDUSTRY IN RAJASTHAN

241. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for the expansion and development of petrochemicals industry in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction so far;

(c) whether any new strategy has been proposed to be adopted for the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) to (d) Applications for industrial licence for the manufacture of various petrochemicals, including those of projects proposed to be located in Rajasthan, are received from time to time. These are examined and decided upon on techno-economic considerations in line with existing policies, as a continuous process.

[*Translation*]

NEWS CAPTIONED "HOTLINEON KA JAMKAR DURUPYOG HUA"

242 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Doordarshan Mahanideshak ki Androom Kahani" (2) "Hotlineon ka Jamkar Durupyog Hua" in the 'Daily Jagran' dated June 28, 1991;

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

(c) the steps the Government have taken so far in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been examined carefully. The reports have, however, been found to be incorrect.

[*English*]

CYCLONE AND FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

243. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESMUKH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the system which gives warning for coming of cyclone and floods 3-4 days in advance; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to improve the system and if so, the details thereof ?

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