

(a) whether Prime Minister visited the tribal areas of Rajasthan to know the condition of the tribals;

(b) the directions given by the Prime Minister for improving the standard of living of tribals; and

(c) what follow up action has been taken by the Union and State Governments on those directions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister had indicated that while planning investment under Integrated Rural Development Programme the productive assets supplied should be related to local conditions.

(c) The Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development has addressed the Chief Minister of Rajasthan impressing upon him the need for taking effective steps for implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Recently, this Programme has also been reviewed in the conference of the State Ministers in charge of Rural Development, held on 29th and 30th November, 1985.

[English]

Steps to Boost Economy of Punjab

3441. SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the special steps under consideration to put the economy of Punjab on rails; and

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a special survey of Punjab's economy which has suffered due to disturbed conditions in the State for the last four years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) A number of

steps have been contemplated to boost the economy of Punjab in the Seventh Plan period. The outlay for the Seventh Plan of Punjab State has been agreed at Rs. 3285 crores which is higher by 67.86% than that of the Sixth Plan. In order to enable the Government of Punjab to have a reasonable Plan size for 1985-86, in addition to the normal Central assistance, the State has been allocated advance Plan assistance of Rs. 100 crores and further additional assistance of Rs. 45 crores for Thein Dam and Rs. 15 crores for SYL Canal Project as well as a medium-term loan of Rs. 75.52 crores.

The 7th Plan of the State includes a provision of Rs 500 crores for the Thein Dam project. Besides a Railway Coach Manufacturing Factory is also being put up in the State under the Central Sector.

(b) No, Sir.

Pak's Claim of Kashmir as their Territory

3442. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether President of Pakistan at a meeting of Pakistanis in New York on 21 October, 1985, has described Kashmir as "Part and Parcel" of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether such statements are a set-back to efforts at better Indo-Pak relations; and

(c) whether Government of India has lodged any formal diplomatic protest at this claim ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to Radio Pakistan, the President of Pakistan, while addressing the Pakistani community in New York on 21st Oct, 1985, stated that "Kashmir was a life line of Pakistan."