

(d)  
(b) The criteria adopted for opening L.I.C. branch offices are viability of the new branch after taking into account various factors such as population to be covered, economic development of the area, number Development Officers and agents available, number of existing branches in a particular District and the distance of the proposed new branch from other neighbouring branches; and

(e) No, Sir. LIC does not propose to open a branch office at Sundergarh in Orissa in the current financial year. However, LIC has two branches already operating at Rourkela and Udit Nagar in this District.

**Establishment of Zone of Peace in Indian Ocean**

2159. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China has also stressed the need for establishing a Zone of Peace in Indian Ocean and Mediterranean seas;

(b) if so, whether in the light thereof, the possibilities of establishment of a Zone of Peace in Indian Ocean have improved; and

(c) if so, the Government assessment in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) People's Republic of China has voted in favour of Resolution 28/32 (1971) on the establishment of Zone of Peace in the Indian Ocean. China has reiterated this position in some of the recent statements made by the Chinese leaders and representatives.

(b) and (c). However due to the attitude of some Western Countries in the Ad-hoc Committee, there has been no forward movement. These countries are insisting on bringing in issues extraneous to the main focus of the Conference, i.e. militarisation and presence of great powers in Indian Ocean areas, These and other related differences

have been used as a justification for repeated postponement of the Conference. Under these circumstances, the possibility of holding the Conference at an early date, but not later than 1988, as called for in Resolution 40/153 appears remote.

**Proposal to encourage automation of new textile units**

2160. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage automation in textile industry in order to improve the quality of cloth; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). The Textile Policy announced by Government in June, 1985 has stressed the need for modernisation of textile industry. Modernisation in spinning, weaving and processing sectors shall be undertaken on the basis of carefully identified needs of each unit as to installation of balancing equipment, renovation of existing machinery, replacement and technology upgradation. For this purpose, Government have constituted a Modernisation Fund of Rs. 750 crores to meet the modernisation requirements for the next 5 years. The import of modern and sophisticated textile machinery not available indigenously is being liberally permitted. Textile machines namely rotor spinning machines, auto cone winder, two for one twisters are also allowed for import at reduced rate of import duty. A national level standing advisory committee on modernisation of textile industry has also been set up to advise Government on needs of modernisation and type of modernisation that the industry should adopt.

**External assistance for development programme in Orissa**

2161. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa had sought external assistance for implementing development programme in the state;

(b) if so, the number of projects under implementation in Orissa with external assistance;

(c) the projects started in Orissa with World Bank assistance; and

(d) the steps taken by Union Government to help the state in getting World Bank

and external assistance for implementing major power projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A statement showing details of externally assisted projects in Orissa is given below.

## Statement

*Details of project in Orissa under implementation with assistance including the World Bank*

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Name of the country/ agency.	Amount of assistance in million	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Mahanadi Barrages project	World Bank	\$ 83	
2.	Orissa Medium Irrigation II	"	\$105	
3.	Subernarekha Irrigation	"	\$127	The projects implemented by Bihar and Orissa States. Orissa's participation in the total cost is to the extent of 21 per cent.
4.	Upper Indravati Hydro-electric project	"	\$326.4	The project envisages construction of 4 × 150 MW power station and creation of irrigation potential of about 109,000 hectares in the vicinity of dam.
5.	Cashewnut project	"	\$22.0	Orissa is one of the four States participating in the project. Share of Orissa is not available separately.
6.	Inland Fisheries.	"	\$20.0	A multi-State project with the participation of Orissa. The share of Orissa is not available.
7.	National Cooperative Development Corporation.	"	\$220.0	This is a Central Sector project 9 States, including Orissa are participants. The share of Orissa is not separately available.

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8.	National Agricultural Extension I	„	\$ 38.6	Orissa is one of the three participating States. The Share of Orissa is \$ 10.6 million.
9.	Hirakud Hydro Electric Project Stage III	Japan	Yen 1.5 billion	
10.	Social Forestry project	Swedish International Development Agency	SKR 135	
11.	Orissa Fisheries Project	U.K.	£ 3.9	
12.	Orissa Family Welfare project	U.K.	£ 12.34	
13.	Indo-British Fertiliser Education project	U.K.	£ 12.05	A multi-State project along with Orissa. The share of Orissa is not available.
14.	Integrated Agricultural Development	Italy	\$ 13	Orissa, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh are participating States. The share of Orissa is not available.
15.	Cyclone protection Shelters	East European Community.	ECU 1.5 (Approximately Rs. 1.95 crores)	
16.	Rural Drinking Water Supply	Danish International Development Association.	DKR 69.8 (Approximately Rs. 8.5 crores)	