

### Sources of Foreign Loans

577. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of the foreign loans/aids;

(b) the total amount received during the last three years from each source;

(c) the rate of interest/charges therefor;

(d) the total amount of such interest/charges paid during the last three years;

(e) the total amount, out of these loans/aids, granted to the State/Union Territories and the public sector units, and the rate of interest charged thereon during the above period; and

(f) the total amount of such interest paid by the State/Union Territories and the public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) to (d). The details regarding sources of foreign loans/aids, amount of aid source wise, terms and conditions of aid and the amount of interest paid upto 1987-88 is contained in the Brochure on External Assistance published by the Ministry of Finance. A copy of the Brochure for 1987-88 has been placed in the Library of the House.

(e) and (f). The external assistance received by the Government of India enter the Central pool of the resources available for the entire Economy and are allocated among Central/State Governments, Union Territories, etc., according to our Plan priori-

ties. It is, therefore, not possible to identify its allocation to State Governments, Union Territories etc.

### Freight Charges on Sugar Cane

578. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Sugar Mills Association has represented to withdraw the steep hike in railway freight on sugar cane effected by the current Railway Budget; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to exempt this traffic from the freight increase effected from 1.4.1989.

### Opening of Bank Branch in Kishtwar in Jammu & Kashmir

579. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN (Udhampur): Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for opening of a branch of Vijaya Bank at Kishtwar in Jammu & Kashmir was conducted twice i.e. during 1980 and 1984; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening the bank branch there so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.