

News-Item Captioned "Bank walon nein croron rupye apas main bant Liye

3801. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bank walon ne croron rupye apas mein bant liye" (crores of rupees distributed by bank employees among themselves) appearing in 'Jansatta' of 3rd June, 1985 ;

(b) if so, the total amount of building detected in Traders' Bank during the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) the directors or ex-directors against whom inquiries have been initiated and the time by which these are likely to be completed ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to pay back the money of account holders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Government have seen the news item,

(b) to (d) Information to the extent available, is being collected from the Reserve Bank and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Industries in North Eastern Region

3803. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the public sector enterprises like Hindustan Machine Tools etc. propose to undertake expansion or opening of new units in the North Eastern Region ;

(b) if so, which of the public sector enterprises have located the sites for their new units in the States of North Eastern region ; and

(c) the details in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) The details are being collected and a statement will be placed on the Table of the House,

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Factories in Public Sector in Rajasthan

3804. SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Public Sector factories being run in Rajasthan and the number of employees working therein ;

(b) the number of big factories which are proposed to be set up by Government in public sector in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(c) the action being taken by Government and their future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring the Central Public Enterprises operating in Rajasthan. There are 31 Central Public Undertakings operating in Rajasthan as on 31.3.1984 and the number of employees working therein as on that date was 0.33 lakhs.

(b) and (c) As the 7th Plan is still under finalisation no details in this regard are available.

[*English*]

Additional Central Assistance to Maharashtra

3805. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHO-SALE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the existing norms laid down for sanction of additional Central assistance for externally aided projects to the State Governments ;

(b) whether there is any request from the State Governments particularly from Government of Maharashtra for enhancement of the Central assistance disbursed for the externally aided projects ; and

(c) if so, to what extent Central Government propose to raise the assistance

from its existing one in view of request of the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) In accordance with the existing guidelines, additional Central assistance upto 70% of aid disbursed on all externally aided projects, as a result of expenditure incurred by the State Governments on such projects from out of their own resources, is released to the State Governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No change is contemplated in the existing policy in this regard,

Resources gap in annual plan of States

3806. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the annual plans of each State has revealed a gap in their resource for the annual plans ;

(b) if so, whether in order to cover this gap, Government would allow overdrafts or give any assistance ; and

(c) if not, in what way this is going to be abridged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The Annual Plans as approved by the Planning Commission are fully funded.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Formation of a regional association of shippers organisation in Asia and the Pacific

3807. SHRI K. PRADHANI ; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for formation of a regional association of shippers' organisation in Asia and the Pacific in the very near future under the auspices of the ESCAP ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and whether it will cover shipping ports and inland water transport also ;

(c) whether India has decided to join this organisation ; and

(d) how far it will help in finding over the recession which has at present gripped the shipping industry and put an end to tramp shipping atleast in this part of the world ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific has recognised the need for the formation of a regional association of National Shippers' Councils for the purpose of promoting regional cooperation among the shippers.

(b) The outline of the association is expected to be discussed at the meeting of Chief Executives of National Shippers' Councils to be held latter this year under the auspices of ESCAP.

(c) India has generally supported the formation of such an association for promoting regional cooperation among the shippers.

(d) The regional association is expected to create a healthy atmosphere conducive to promoting the interests of both shippers shipowners.

[Translation]

Attachment of colliery to bandhav thermal power station (M.P.)

3808. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of continued efforts made from time to time by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board no Thermal Power Plant of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has been attached to the Singrauli coal belt ;

(b) whether no colliery has so far been attached to Bandhav Thermal Power Station also ;