

**Subsidy to Public Sector Enterprises**

3614. SHRI C. SREENIVAASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide subsidy to the public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the whether continuously loss incurring public sector enterprises are also likely to be given subsidy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d). Subsidies are paid to Public Sector Undertakings only in cases where they undertake certain operations at the behest of Government and on condition that Government would subsidies loss, if any, incurred in such operations. Subsidies provided for such purposes are indicated in Statement No. 6 of Expenditure Budget Vol. 1 1993-94, presented to the Parliament as a part of Budget of 1993-94. The Eighth plan approved by the National Development Council has also emphasised the need to substantially roll back subsidy payments as a percentage of G.D.P. by the end of the Eighth Plan period. It has pointed out that a policy of Government meeting the cash losses of so many P.S. Us for all times to come is sustainable.

**Seminar on Peace-Keeping Operations under United Nations**

3615. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have participated in the Seventeenth Session of

Pacific Armies Management Seminar on peace-keeping operations under the United Nations; and

(b) if so, the proposals put forward by the Government in the Seminar and the reaction of other participating countries thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLILKARJUN): (a) The representatives of Indian Army participated in the Seminar.

(b) This was a professional Seminar, attended by Army representatives of various countries. There was no occasion for Government to offer any proposals.

**Restructuring of Global Environment Facility**

3616. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-South decide that marked the negotiations leading upto the Earth Summit at Rio last June, has resurfaced over the Global Environment Facility;

(b) if so, the amount of grant India expects from this fund; and

(c) the impact of the proposal restructuring of GEF on its area of priorities and funding so far as India is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ABRAR AHMED): (a) The effort of GEF Participants is to seek a consensus approach which would prevent a North-South polarisation

(b) and (c). Do not arise.