

U.S. Investment in India

1574. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the recent visit (in June 1993) of a business delegation to U.S.A. as a part of the on going programme of FICCI-U.S. AID project on implementation of the industrial policy reforms;

(b) whether the Business delegation had formulated any specific objectives to hold parleys with Non-Resident Indians and U.S. businessmen to seek investment in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the success achieved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d). The objectives of the FICCI delegation were to disseminate information on the improving investment climate in India, get feedback about investors perception of the reform process and to identify specific areas of cooperation. FICCI delegation organised six conferences in some of the major cities of US, met senior functionaries of the US administration and multilateral organisations like IMF, World Bank, IFC, OPIC and had interactions with important dignitaries. FICCI delegation has targetted a large number of small and medium companies covering a wide range of industries with interests in investing in India.

It is too early, however, to quantify the success of the FICCI delegation. As a result of the visit, there is better appreciation amongst the US companies and NRIs about India's on going liberalisation programme and a large number of US companies have

shown interest in bringing their technology and investment into India.

As a follow up of the visit of the delegation, the FICCI has set up an investment facilitation cell to help, advise, guide and assist foreign investors.

Wasteland Development Projects in Tamil Nadu

1575. SHRI P.P. KALIAPERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the National Wasteland Development Projects functioning in Tamil Nadu as on April 30, 1993;

(b) the location and nature of such projects;

(c) the names of new wasteland development projects in Tamil Nadu pending with the Government as on April 30, 1993; and

(d) the achievement made in the State as on March 31, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) No Project by the name of National Wasteland Project is being implemented by the National Wastelands Development Board and hence no such project was functioning in Tamil Nadu as on 30.4.1993.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) The names of new wasteland development projects in Tamil Nadu pending with Government of India as on 30.4.1993 are given in the enclosed Statment

(d) The achievement made in the State regarding plantation afforestation as on

31.3.1993 under point 16 of the 20 point programme for last 3 years is given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Afforestation/ Tree Planting (in lakh hectares)</i>	<i>Distribution of Seedlings for Planting on private Lands (in lakhs)</i>
1990-91	0.425	215.10
1991-92	0.681	1013.84
1992-93	1.136	1037.36

STATEMENT

S.no.	Name of the Project
1.	AUROMITRA, Tamil Nadu
2.	Community Action for Rural Development Velampatti, Varpattu-622403.
3.	Associate Village Social Service Centre, Gandhinagar, Matham, Dindigul, Anna Distt.
4.	Integrated Rural Organisation of Social Service, 44, Palayam Street, Palani, Anna Distt.
5.	People Association for Rural Improvement, 29, Meenatchi Illam awahar Street, Karaiddi.
6.	People Association for Rural Improvement.
7.	Social Welfare Trust, Hiraniyamangalam, Trichy Dist.
8.	Rural Education for Action and Development, Anna Distt.
9.	Annai Indira Rajiv Village Development, Society, P. M. T. Distt.
10.	League for Education and Development, Triruchirappalli Distt.
11.	SMART Environmental Science Cell, Tirunelveli, Kattabomman Distt.
12.	Pasumpon Distt. Tree Groves Society, Sivagaga.
13.	Integrated Rural Organisation For Social Service, Avilpatty Post, Anna Distt.

S.no.	Name of the Project
14.	Pdkkottai Distt. Agictral Development and Environment Society, Pdukkottal Distt.
15.	Association of Bhoodan and Community Development, Distt Tiruchy.
16.	Concil for Plifting Economically and Educationally Backward in Rural Area, Sivaganag Distt.
17.	Sister of St. Anne of Tiuchirapalli, Trchiapalli.
18.	Annai Indira Sathiya Smuga Nala Mahalir Mandram.
19.	Rural Integrated Organisation, Distt. Dhamapui.
20.	Youth Centre for Rehabilitation and Development Vembarpatti Dindigul Taluk Distt.
21.	Pasumpon Mutharamalinga Thevar Distt. Wasteland Development Society, Sivagangai Distt.
22.	The Activists for Social Alternatives, Tiruchirappalli Distt.
23.	Institute of Reseach and Development for Rural Poor, Chengelpattu Dustt.
24.	Dr. Ambedkaer Cenienory Memorial Enviornmental Education Centre, 91, Thember Chetty Street, Madras (T.N.).