

[English]

### **Funding of Projects**

2049. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the public sector units to arrange funds for their projects in case of their cost overruns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

### **Status of Advanced Light Helicopter Project**

2050. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the various press reports that the Advanced Light Helicopter Project under implementation by HAL has run into rough weather;

(b) if so, the problems being faced by HAL;

(c) the steps taken to solve those problems; and

(d) the projected target date for the production of the Prototypes and for its mass production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The reports appearing in the press were factually incorrect. The HAL management issued denial, which was subsequently carried by the press.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(d) The first prototype started flight in August 1992 and the second in April 1993. The third and fourth prototypes are under production. Development phase of the project is expected to be completed as per the schedule established. The target date for bulk production of the helicopter is to be determined upon achievement of all the significant milestones.

[Translation]

### **Million Wells Scheme in Gujarat**

2051. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment for implementation of Million Wells Scheme in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated to the State in this regard during the last three years; and

(d) the target fixed and achievements made for digging of wells during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An evaluation of the implementation of Million Wells