

AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exporters of Coir are largely from private parties. During 1992-93, registered exporters numbering 142, exported coir products to foreign countries. Of the above , 141 are private exporters and the remaining one is a coir cooperative society.

(c) To encourage production of coir, the Coir Board extends financial assistance for modernisation of coir industry to improve productivity in the coir industry both in the cooperative as well as in the private sector. Central Government has also decided to assist the Project for Integrated Coir Development of Govt. of Kerala. The Board is also establishing Common Facility Centres to enable small scale manufacturers to adopt modern methods of bleaching and dyeing. The Board is also sanctioning financial assistance to small scale manufacturers for construction of loom-sheds. Only one project under the Science & Society Programme of Department of Science and Technology has been supported, the details of which are given below :

PROJECT TITLE: Weaving of Coir mats to conduct research and improve the technology of weaving mats, to start a pilot loom centre to fabricate looms and to train coir workers for economic production.

Total cost : Rs. 6,44,900/-

Foreign Investment

2068. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of foreign investment proposals approved, including those from NRIs and NRI companies, during the past

three months; and

(b) the extent of and stage of technology transfer contemplated therein and the details of repatriation of profits and funds thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) During September-November, 1993, 187 proposals for foreign direct investment including those from NRIs and NRI companies have been approved envisaging total investment of Rs. 2198.14 crores. The details of these proposals viz; name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, item of manufacture and amount of foreign investment involved in each proposal are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) The extent of technology transfer involved depends on the nature of products and technology involved and varies from project to project.

Repatriation of dividends are linked with the implementation of projects and commencement of production and declaration of profits by these projects, if any, spread over a period of time depending upon the gestation of projects and other factors. As such no projections of likely repatriation of profits from these projects can be made.

Performance of Public Sector

2069. SHRI BIRSINGH MAHATO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: