

visited India in November, 1993 to participate in the Indo-British Bombay Week organised under the Indo-British Partnership Initiative. During their stay, they had interactions with the representatives of Indian Industry with the aim to promote Trade and Industry between the two countries. It is reported that during the course of their discussions with their counterparts business agreements of approximately 1 (one) billion pounds have been tied up.

Assistance to Social Organisations by CAPART

254. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the amount released through CAPART and other organisations to different social organisations in West Bengal during the current financial year for rural development and other activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARIBHAI PATEL): CAPART, a body under the aegis of the Ministry of Rural Development has been rendering financial assistance to the Non Government Organisations for the rural development activities. In West Bengal, during the current financial year, CAPART has sanctioned 193 projects to 152 agencies with the financial assistance of Rs. 5.10 crores. An amount of Rs. 4.77 crores stands released to various agencies.

Safety Measures in Nuclear Power Plants

255. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing facilities in Nuclear Power Plants in the country are not adequate to deal with emergencies; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to make the system fool-proof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The existing facilities within Nuclear Power Plants in the country are adequate to deal with emergencies.

(b) Does not arise.

Metro Railway in Bangalore

256. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start Bangalore Metro Railway on the pattern of Calcutta Metro Railway;

(b) if so, the financial assistance sought by the Government of Karnataka in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No such proposal has been approved by Government of India.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above does not arise.

N.C.C. Units

257. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of NCC Units in the educational institutions in the country at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal for making NCC more effective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There are at present 756 NCC Units in the country.

(b) and (c) The NCC as an organisation is being run in a professional and effective manner. In case, any shortcomings are noticed in any particular aspect of its administration, these are speedily rectified.

Electronic Projects in Gujarat

258. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation for development of electronics during the year 1994-95 and Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the share of Gujarat in this allocation;

(c) the details of specific projects proposed to be undertaken during the

year 1994-95 and Eighth Five Year Plan period in Gujarat; and

(d) the details of foreign investment proposals cleared in this area in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Planning Commission does not make specific sub-sectoral allocation for electronics for the States. The Central Government outlay for the electronics sector is as follows:

Period	Outlay
1994-95	Rs. 140.1 crores
VIII Plan	Rs. 611 crores

(b) There is no specific allocation of this Central outlay statewide in the electronics sector. The Department of Electronics allocates from this Central Government outlay, its resources on various projects/programmes depending upon the requirement of the Electronics Industry which is decided by various expert Councils and Committees. Such projects and programmes are in the nature of infrastructure setting up or sponsored projects for specific technology or manpower development.

(c) The details of various on-going projects/programmes supported by the Department of Electronics in Gujarat are given in the attached *Statement*.