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[Translation]

US Stand on Kashmir

1929. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "US 'inconsistent' on Kashmir issue" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated March 4, 1995.

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have held any talks with the US in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the US thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item is based on various statements, Congressional testimonies and remarks to the media by US administration officials, and on official press guidance issued by the State Department over the past year.

(c) and (d) Government have an on-going dialogue with the US Government on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. India's positions on the issues referred to in the news item have been reiterated to the US. The US, on its part, has also provided clarifications on its positions. These exchanges have resulted in improved understanding of each other's positions on these matters.

N.R.Y.

1930. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nehru Rozgar Yojana has not so far been implemented in several States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such States where the scheme is yet to be implemented;

(d) whether the Government have drawn any time schedule for implementation of the scheme, State-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Only the State Government of Nagaland has not taken up the implementation of the Nehru Rozgar Yojana in their State so far on the plea that being a poor and backward State it cannot afford to

provide its own matching State share, and has been seeking hundred percent funding by the Union Government. However, the Ministry has been advising the State Government from time to time to take up the implementation of the Yojana.

(d) and (e) NRY is a continuing scheme and the Central funds to the State Governments/UT Administrations are released on a year-to-year basis after taking into account the performance of a particular State in the implementation of the Yojana. The State Governments/UT, Administrations are also apprised in advance of the physical targets to be covered during particular year.

Urban Development Schemes

1931. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urban Development Schemes/Projects pertaining to Gujarat still pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) the number of schemes/projects cleared by the Union Government during the last two years and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the time by which the pending schemes/projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the details of projects to be included in the current Plan period alongwith their names, locations, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Urban Development Schemes/Projects are supported under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) based on project reports received from State Governments. No Scheme/project proposals from Gujarat, conforming to IDSMT Scheme guidelines, are pending with the Government of India at present.

(b) During the last two years, i.e., 1993-94 and 1994-95 (as on 23.3.1995) project proposals from Gujarat for 10 towns have been approved and Central Assistance of Rs. 234.24 lakhs released. Expenditure particular for the approved projects will be available during the next or subsequent years.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(d) The names of the project towns are Wadhwan, Bharuch, Nadiad, Palitana, Porsad, Dhoraji, Petlad, Padra, Savar Kundla and Dabhoi. The projects approved for these towns include Markets and Shopping Complexes, Roads, Drainage Works, Sites & Services, Bus Stands and other infrastructural amenities.

[English]

Water Supply to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1932. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to initiate and complete a preliminary project on the river Godavari to pump water to