

included in the overall central assistance to Maharashtra State based on expenditure as per pattern of assistance under National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(c) No report has been received by the Government in this regard.

[English]

Hospitals in Tamil Nadu

2650. DR. (Shrimati) K.S. SOUNDARAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought the assistance from foreign countries for improvement of the hospitals in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided to Tamil Nadu during 1994-95 for the health care schemes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) and (b). The Government of Tamil Nadu has sought assistance for the strengthening of Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Care System in the State.

(c) No assistance was provided to Tamil Nadu under these Schemes during 1994-95.

[Translation]

Allotment of Railway Quarters

2651. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1010 on March 21, 1995 and state :

(a) the number of cases of irregular allotment of quarters in Samastipur Division of North Eastern Railway which have come to notice of the Government;

(b) the number of guilty employees/officers against whom disciplinary action has been taken;

(c) the number of employees/officers who have been served with the notices for evacuation of the quarters; and

(d) the number of employees still residing in those quarters and the amount of damages recovered from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Eight.

(b) Five.

(c) Five.

(d) Four employees are still residing in those quarters and an amount of Rs.16,706.25 has been recovered from them.

[English]

Cleanliness in Trains

2652. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether important trains of Andhra Pradesh like Gowthami Express, Narsapur Express, Godavari Express are not properly serviced and cleaned at the respective terminals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) All trains including Gowthami Express, Narsapur Express, Godavari Express are properly attended to and serviced before the start of each trip to ensure that all the coaches are clean, safe and have all the Passenger Amenities in working order.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Beside cleaning at the Starting stations, cleaning at intermediate stations like Vijayawada has been introduced on South Central Railway where long distance trains passing through Vijayawada in day time are cleaned.

Electronic Voting Machines

2653. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :

SHRI TARA SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Electronic Voting Machines in the next general elections;

(b) if so, the details, thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b). The Election Commission has informed that it has decided to explore the possibility of using the Electronic Voting Machines in the next general elections and has decided to ascertain the views of all National and recognised State Political Parties before taking a final decision in the matter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Dependence on Foreign Technology

2654. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present percentage dependence of India's weapons system on foreign technology;

(b) whether this dependence has come down over the decade 1980-90;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action plan has been prepared to end this dependence over the ensuing decade 1990-2000 A.D.; and

(e) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Cost-wise, about 70% of yearly acquisition of weapon systems for the Services is made from foreign sources.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Cost-wise, the dependence on foreign sources has come down by about 10% during the decade 1980-90.

(d) and (e). A 10-year plan for Self Reliance in Defence Systems has been evolved with a target to reduce the dependence on foreign sources from present level of about 70% to about 30% by the year 2005. The plan envisages the following three pronged approach for achieving increased self-reliance :-

- (i) sustaining existing defence systems through indigenisation of spares,
- (ii) upgrading viable existing defence systems and stretching their life and capability, and
- (iii) inducting more of indigenous defence systems in a progressive manner and minimising the import of major systems.

Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.

2655. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether non-plan loan provided by the Government is much lower than actual cash loss of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd., during 1994-95 and April to October, 1995;

(b) if so, the actual cash loss vis-a-vis non-plan support extended to BOGL during the said period; and

(c) the details of the plan of the Government to provide BOGL the balance amount in 1995-96 revised estimate for meeting its pressing liability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b). BOGL incurred cash loss of Rs.122.91 lakhs during 1994-95 against which Govt. provided non-plan budgetary support of Rs.100 lakhs. During 1993-94, BOGL made cash loss of Rs.76.29 lakhs against which Govt.

provided a higher non-plan budgetary support of Rs.90 lakhs. Thus, Govt. provided budgetary support of Rs.190 lakhs against the total cash loss of Rs.199.20 lakhs during 1993-94 and 1994-95.

The company has incurred estimated cash loss of Rs.151.26 lakhs from 1.4.95 to 31.10.95. Govt. has released non-plan budgetary support of Rs.40 lakhs upto November, 1995 out of budgetary provision of Rs.50 lakhs during 1995-96.

(c) Government has been meeting the cash loss partially to the extent funds are available.

Railway Line

2656. SHRI A.VENKATESH NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey for laying a Railway Line between Wadi and Gadag in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Investment

2657. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY :

SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :

SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the empowered committee on foreign investment has cleared 55 proposals as on September, 1995;

(b) if so, the total foreign direct investment involved in the proposal;

(c) whether these proposals envisage export earning of Rs.28000 crores;

(d) if so, the details and foreign agencies involved in these proposals; and

(e) the time by which the implementation of these proposals will take effect?

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) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Empowered Committee on Foreign Investment has cleared 55 proposals in its meeting held on 4th September, 1995, involving foreign direct investment of Rs.418.70 crores.