

(d) whether the spending is less than the Budget allocations for the above Railway Line; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). The work on the Daitari-Banspani line has been taken up with funding out of the allocation provided for New Lines out of Budgetary support. However, in view of the urgent need for the line as a result of the Steel Plants coming up in the area and the very limited availability of resources under the above head, early completion of the line with private participation is being explored.

(c) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### **Small Scale Industries**

487. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :  
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL :  
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether appropriate technology units are functioning under the Department of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the names of places where these units are functioning alongwith their annual Budget;

(c) whether these units have developed some new tools on the basis of modern technology for rural artisans; and

(d) if so, the names of the new developed tools and the names or industries to which these are likely to be useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Unit is functioning only in the Department of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries at New Delhi and the budget outlay for the year 1995-96 is Rs. 60.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d). The details of new technologies developed, with the financial assistance from the Appropriate Technology Unit for rural artisans, are given in the enclosed *Statement*.

#### **STATEMENT**

1. Yarn Making Machine (Coir, Sabaigrass, Moonj and Sunhemp)
2. Lacquerware Wooden Toys Making Machines
3. Akik Polishing Machine
4. Medicinal Plant Processing Machine
5. Bamboo product Making Machine
6. Looms for Shawl and Carpet Weaving
7. Equipments/Tools for Brass and Bell Metal Industry
8. Fuel Efficient Baking Oven
9. Plant for Processing Raw Turmeric
10. Papad Making Machine
11. Sugar Beet Processing Machine
12. Lock Manufacturing Equipments/Tools
13. Blue Pottery Kilns
14. Extraction Plant for Citronella Oil.

[English]

#### **Accommodation to Staff of Political Parties**

488. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI :  
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :  
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :  
SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the staff of Parliamentary Party of Congress have been allotted residential accommodation of various categories from Government's pool on normal license fee;

(b) if so, the basis of allotment of the said quarters and details thereof;

(c) whether the staff of other recognised political parties in Parliament have not been allotted quarters on the above basis as yet;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to allot the accommodation to the staff of other recognised parties in Parliament; and

(e) if so, the time by which the accommodation are likely to be allotted to the staff of other parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN) : (a) to (c). Allotment of accommodation to the staff of various Parliamentary Parties has been made on the basis of existing guidelines which, *inter-alia*, provide that staff of only such of the political parties as have been recognised as such by the Speaker need to be given accommodation. Apart from the staff of the Parliamentary Party of the Congress, staff of other recognised political parties in Parliament like BJP, Janata Party, BSP, CPI (M), CPI, etc., have also been allotted accommodation.

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

#### **National Malaria Eradication Programme**

489. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have submitted a proposal to the Union Government for application of the National Malaria Eradication Programme in tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c). 100% Central assistance under the National Malaria Eradication Programme is already being provided to the State of Assam since December, 1994. This assistance covers the whole of Assam including Tribal areas of the State.

#### **Rent Act**

490. SHRI TARA SINGH :  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD  
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :  
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Rent Act will harass salaried class" as reported in Pioneer dated 13.11.95;

(b) if so, whether there is persistent demand to bring changes in the Delhi Rent Act, 1955; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government has received representations for changes in certain provisions of the Act. The Act will be notified for implementation after amendments are made to such provisions as are deemed necessary in the light of the representations.

#### **Mumbai Local Railway Commuters Conference**

491. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mumbai Local Railway Commuters Conference has recently passed a resolution to improve the condition of the local sector of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Conference raised the issue of poor punctuality, over-crowding of trains, the need to provide 12 coach rakes, quadrupling of track between Borivili and Virar, introduction of Borivili-Virar local, Opening up of Vasai-Diva to suburban traffic and other related issues regarding improvements in suburban running.

(c) The Railways have initiated action on most of the points highlighted at the Conference. Ten 12-car rakes operating 104 services are being run on Central and Western Railways. 4 DMU push pull services have been introduced between Vasai Road and Diva; passenger amenities such as Foot-over-Bridges and electronic indicator have been completed at most of the stations. Improved communication and Announcer system have been installed at major points. Special peak hour monitoring of the punctuality of Suburban services is undertaken.