

to restrain non-plan expenditure, to improve receipts, to raise more internal resources and to avoid recourse to deficit financing.

(b) Reaction of the States is not yet known.

Long Term National Policies

3512. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have long term national policies in respect of population control, education, health and prohibition;

(b) are Government aware that without such policies all our efforts of planning in other spheres are of no use; and

(c) if so, measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has initiated long term policies in such basic areas as education, health and population control. The National Policy on Education was adopted in 1968. In the field of health India has accepted the long term goal of "Health for all by 2000 A.D." in accordance with the Alma Ata Declaration. As regards Population Policy, the Working Group on Population Policy set up by the Planning Commission have in their interim report recommended that the Nation should commit itself to achieving the long term goal of not reproduction rate of one by the year 1996 on an average and by 2001 for all States. The final Report of the Working Group is awaited. In any case, the need to stabilise the population on a long term basis has been accepted by the Government and specific programmes to achieve this objective have been incorporated in the Five Year Plans.

The work on the Sixth Five Year Plan is in progress and the long term and medium term policies in important sectors of the economy will come under review in due course.

Seminar on Industrial Development.

3513. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the principal suggestions made at the two day seminar in Bombay on the industrial development of backward areas organised by the Industrial Development Bank of India; and

(b) the action, if any, proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The Seminar was organised by Industrial Development Bank of India at the initiative of National Committee on Development of Backward Areas on May 16-17, 1980. The principal suggestions made at the Seminar were:—

(i) Development of industry in conjunction with development of agriculture ensuring integrated area development;

(ii) Differential set of incentives to different backward areas depending upon their level of backwardness and capacity for development in terms of resource endowment;

(iii) Coordination in management of different sets of incentives;

(iv) Sequential approach rather than simultaneous approach for the development of all identified backward areas;

(v) Greater attention towards development of economic and social infra-structure;

(vi) Relaxing of Tandon Committee norms for credit facilities to industries in backward areas;