

(d) the quantum of funds made available to the Bank by way of paid up capital and loans so far; and

(e) the achievement and activities undertaken by the Bank till date?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The organisation is named as North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI).

(b) The role and objective of NEDFI is to carry on the business of providing credit and other facilities for promotion, expansion and modernisation of industrial enterprises and infrastructure projects in the North Eastern Region of the country.

(c) The operations of NEDFI are focused exclusively on the North Eastern Region and cover the entire spectrum of industry i.e. small, medium and large scale industries.

(d) The authorised capital of NEDFI is Rs.500 crores. Its paid up capital at present is Rs.90 crores.

(e) NEDFI has reported that during March - July, 1996 it has conducted eight seminars/workshops for entrepreneurs in all the seven States of the North Eastern Region. A list of 62 items identified by the consultants as feasible in the North Eastern Region prepared pre-investment studies on most of the identified items and offered them to eligible entrepreneurs to help them take investment decisions. As a result of the promotional efforts of NEDFI, it has received about 30 enquiries involving investment of about Rs.70 crores. NEDFI has sanctioned direct assistance of Rs.12 crores oil sector, and catalysed an investment of Rs.30 crores. NEDFI also helped in marketing an initial public issue offer of equity capital of around Rs.200 crores for a local company.

Drinking Water in Coalmines

2659. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited have made arrangements for the supply of potable water in its coalmines and quarters of the workers;

(b) if so, names of the coalmines and workers quarters to whom this facility is likely to be extended; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ECL have made arrangement for supply of potable water to 43049 Standard Quarters. The rest are being supplied potable water through Community Taps/ Hand Pumps/Tubewells/Dugwells etc. The present percentage of satisfaction is 91.03%.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Japanese Investment in Joint Ventures

2660. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the industries in the country wherein investment has been made by Japan during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Japan has also set up some joint ventures during the above period;

(c) if so, the details of such joint ventures set up in India during the above period;

(d) the amount of capital invested by Japan in these joint ventures separately;

(e) whether Japan proposes to make investments in some more joint ventures in India during the current financial year also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d). Proposals of foreign direct investment approved during each of the last three years with Japanese firms are as under :

Year	FDI Proposals approved	Amount of FDI
1993	26	257.43
1994	45	400.90
1995	40	1414.26

The details of such proposals viz. name of the Indian company, name and country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(e) and (f). The approvals to joint venture proposals are accorded on receipt of application from the entrepreneurs. Each proposals is considered on its merits and as per prescribed guidelines in this regard.

[English]

Banking Support for Tea Gardens of West Bengal

2661. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Tea Gardens of West Bengal are suffering for lack of Banking support in so far as their expansion and modernisation plan is concerned; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?