Sealing of Indo-Burma Border

1261. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the free movement of men and material on the Indo-Burma border on both sides particularly in the Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland sector during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Union Government in collaboration with the concerned State Governments to curb this free movement; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government propose to seal the Indo-Burma border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MIN-ISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). According to the instructions issued by the Ministry of External Affairs in 1968, every member of the Hill Tribes, who is either a citizen of India or a citizen of Union of Burma and who is ordinarily resident in an area within 40 kilometers on either side of Indo-Burma border, can depart from India if he is in possession of a permit issued by the Competent authority. Similar instructions have also been issued in 1968 by the Ministry of Home Affairs for entering into India. There is no proposal to seal the border.

Incentive Package in Kashmir

1262. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn the news-item cap-

tioned "Incentive Package in Kashmir Fails" appearing in the Economic Times dated January 22, 1991;

- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the remedial measures contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). Details are awaited from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Economic Package for Punjab

1263. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress made in the implementation of the economic package chalked out by the Government to restore confidence amongst the people of the State of Punjab especially the youth to prepare the ground for restoration of a democratic Government in that State, indicating the targets fixed, the actual ar bievement made and the expenditure so far incurred vis-a-vis the total outlay of each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): A set of economic measures for Punjab was announced by the former Prime Minister in the Parliament on 5th October, 1990. Action on the various schemes is being taken by the concerned Ministries/Departments in consultation with the State Government. The progress of the action taken is being reviewed periodically. Detailed information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.