

The HBA is met from the Budget to the extent of Rs 30 crores only every year (for the last decade or so) and the balance is met from the Government servants, own contributions to the group insurance funds. The HBA in excess of Rs 2.5 lakhs up to Rs 2.50 lakhs (highest slab) carries interest at the rate of 12% per annum. Advance for purchase of motor car carries interest at the rate of 12% per annum, while other motor conveyances 9.5% per annum.

The provisions made for the purpose are kept to the barest minimum and are much lower than the demands projected by the Ministries/Departments. It may also be noted that nearly half of the net disbursements on motor conveyances relate to motor cycles/scooters which are mostly used by middle income group.

As regards public sector enterprises, the information is being collected.

[Translation]

Defence Research Centres

5022 SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up Defence Research Centres in Madhya Pradesh and in other parts of the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the names of the places where these Centres are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR). (a) Government propose to set up a Defence R & D Centre in Madhya Pradesh

(b) and (c) The R & D Centre is proposed in general area of Jagdalpur in

Bastar district. Certain transit/support facilities would be set up near Raipur.

Refinance Assistance by NABARD

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CHAUHAN
SHRI N K BALIYAN
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI
DR LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the amount of refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to cooperative banks for financing the production and marketing activities of primary weavers cooperative societies and procurement of marketing of cloth by Apex and Regional weavers Co-operative societies during 1990-91 and 1991-92, State wise,

(b) the rate of interest charged by the NABARD thereon

(c) whether the rate of interest charged by the Co-operative banks from the above societies is very high,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the arrangements proposed to be made to reduce such intermediary agencies so that the assistance is provided to needy at lower rate of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) State wise position of the refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to cooperative banks for financing production and marketing activities of primary weavers, societies and procurement and marketing of cloth by Apex