

Crores, could not be posed for external assistance in the absence of budgetary commitment for counterpart funding by the State Government. Revised project has not been received from the Government of Assam.

Besides this, the State Government in December, 1991 forwarded a preliminary project proposals for the Greater Guahati Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Schemes and Geater Jorhat Water Supply Scheme at a total cost of Rs. 350.60 Crores exploring the possibility of seeking World Bank Assistance. The possibility of posing the projects for external assistance will depend on the submission of modified proposals by the State Government on the basis of observation comments communicated to the State Government.

Regarding Import Duty on D.M.T.

3172. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce import duty on Diethyl Phthalate;

(b) if so, the reaction of the D.M.T. manufacturers to the proposal; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO) (a) to (c). Appropriate rationalisation of import tariffs on forbore intermediatrees including DMT has been carried out in the Union Budget 1993-94, based on various representations from producers/users.

Performance of Small Scale Industries Sector

3173. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Manufacturers Organisations (AIMO) has submitted any memorandum regarding 'performance of the Small Scale Industries Sector' in the recent past;

(b) if so, the main points therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUANCHALAM): (a) to (c). The facts are being ascertained from All India Manufacturers' Organisation.

[Translation]

Employment to Youth in Rural Areas

3174. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. CHINTA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to launch a scheme "training of rural youth for self-employment" to provide employment to youths of rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme and its implementation;

(c) whether there is any target fixed for imparting training to the rural youths for self-employment by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan under this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated by the Government to implement this scheme during the said period?