

particularly during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) The major fields/areas/utility services where computerization has been introduced are : development of computer-based information system for decision making in Government, process control, store and forward telegraph, directory enquiry, telephone traffic monitoring, crime detection, passenger reservation in Air Lines, power production and transmission etc.

(b) The other major areas where details of plans drawn up to introduce computerisation are : Banking, Freight information and passenger reservation in Railways and Meteorology. Use of computers will also be encouraged and promoted during the Seventh Five Year Plan in all major spheres of the national economy to increase efficiency and productivity.

Winding U.P. of Committee Report to Redefine the Poverty Line

454. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by Planning Commission to redefine the poverty line; has been wound up without submitting any report or suggesting any changes in the basis of calculating the poverty ;

(b) reasons for winding up the Committee and details of its recommendations, if any ;

(c) whether fortuitous date of 1977-78 was adopting for working out the incidence of poverty ; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up another Committee and also adopt another year as the year of survey to arrive at the exact position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K.

PANJA) : (a) to (c). A study Group on Concepts and Estimation of poverty line for Seventh Five Year Plan was constituted by the Planning Commission in 1983 and the Study Group submitted its report in November, 1984. Also an Advisory Committee for estimation of percentage of persons below the poverty line was constituted subsequently. The poverty estimated for 1977-78 (Revised) and 1983-84 (Provisional) are based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee which has also taken into account the recommendation of the Study Group. In fact, the poverty ratio has declined from 48.3 percent in 1977-78 (Revised) to 37.4 percent in 1983-84 (Provisional).

(d) In the light of the above facts, the question of setting up another Committee or adopting another year as the year of the survey, does not arise.

Financing of Public Sector

455. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the total final public sector outlay at current as well as at 1979-80 price levels ; for the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the estimated investment by the private sector ; and

(c) details about the financing of the public sector outlay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) The Seventh Five Year Plan provides for a total outlay in the public sector of Rs. 1,80,000 crores at 1984-85 prices. This works out around Rs. 1,03,000 crores at 1979-80 prices.

(b) Out of the total investment of Rs. 3,22,366 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan, it is estimated that the investment in the private sector would be Rs. 1,68,148 crores at 1984-85 prices.

(c) The details about financing of the Public sector outlay of Rs. 1,80,000 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan are indicated in the statement given below.