

[English]

**Hardship to Pensioners due to Inflation**

2472. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the hardships faced by the pensioners from inflationary impact on their pension and the measures proposed to be taken by Government to remove the hardships ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government amended the terms of reference of the Fourth Central Pay Commission to enable an in-depth examination of pension structure with a view to having a proper pension policy both for the present and future pensioners. The Commission's Report dealing with pension etc. is awaited. In the meantime the Government have sanctioned two instalments of Dearness Relief payable at consumer Price Index level 624 and 632 with effect from 1-6-1986 and 1-7-1986 respectively.

**Space Programme**

2473. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has chalked out a space programme for the next ten years ;

(b) if so, nature of this programme and the amount proposed to be spent on the same ; and

(c) benefits expected to be derived from the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) The Space Profile for the decade 1980-90 has already been

approved by the Government and a copy placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on August 19, 1981. Copies of this document are available in the Parliament Library. The Space Profile for 1990-2000 is under finalisation.

(b) The programme envisages the design, fabrication and launching of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS), the first operational remote sensing satellite, INSAT-1C and 1D, the follow on communication satellites, the development of second generation INSAT Satellites, development of augmented SLV (ASLV) launch vehicle and associated SROSS Satellites and development of Polar Launch Vehicle capable of launching future 1000 kg. IRS series of satellites. The programme also envisages initiation of Cryogenic development needed for the development of geosynchronous launch vehicles capable of launching second generation INSAT Satellites. The total funding proposed to be spent is Rs. 1475 crores during the current plan period.

(c) The benefits from Space Technology have already accrued to the nation through providing communication, meteorological, TV broadcast, radio networking and other similar services. The remote sensing applications which have been operationalised or under the process of operationalisation include, forest survey, ground water targetting, snow mapping, wasteland delineating. During the plan period, it is intended to apply space remote sensing for surveying both agricultural and mineral resources of the country.

**Implementation of Projects in Public Sector Undertakings**

2474. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified reasons for delay in project implementation specially in the Public Sector Undertakings ;

(b) if so, the reasons that are mainly responsible for delay and unsatisfactory implementation of projects in the Public Sector Undertakings :

(c) whether Government have examined the inadequacy of the existing reporting system in Public Sector ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to inject efficiency and accountability in the working of Public Sector Undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for delay of the projects include the problems concerning acquisition of land, critical equipment and material supplies by the suppliers (imported as well as indigenous), finalisation of detailed engineering drawings, lack of infrastructural facilities and services, law & order disturbances, mis-matching progress of vendors/suppliers, change in scope, inadequate allocation of funds, inefficient working of contractors, labour problems, etc.

(c) The Bureau of Public Enterprises had in March 1975 issued guidelines on Management Information System Reporting by Public Enterprises to Government. In September 1984, Bureau of Public Enterprises, on observations made by Economic Administration Reforms Commission, had again requested all Ministries concerned with Public Enterprises to undertake thorough review of their information system to reduce the number of incoming reports and returns significantly and to ensure that requirements of diverse agencies were met through one integrated set of format.

(d) The following steps are being taken to inject efficiency and accountability in working in the Public sector undertakings :—

- (i) close monitoring of performance by administrative Ministries/

Departments and taking appropriate steps as found necessary ;

- (ii) enhancement of powers of Public Sector Boards to incur capital expenditure ;

- (iii) introduction of a two-stage clearance of investment proposals,

- (iv) granting of a 5-year tenure to Board level Executives to start with,

- (v) reduction in the number of Government Directors on the Boards of Public Enterprises,

- (vi) allowing the facility of lien to public sector managerial personnel joining other public sector enterprises, etc.

#### Report of Fourth Pay Commission on Pensioners

2475. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fourth Pay Commission has completed its report relating to Central Government pensioners ;

(b) if not, the cause for the delay ; and

(c) when is the report likely to be submitted to Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. The Commission is in its final stage of work and is making every endeavour to complete the work relating to pension as soon as possible.

#### Proposed Outlay for Industries in Seventh Plan for M.P.

2476. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :