

Proposed take over of Scindia Steam Navigation Company by M/s. Essar Shipping

1730. SHRI S.M. GURADDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from M/s. Essar Shipping Company offering to take over Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., is under consideration of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including decision of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). The erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee had advanced substantial loans to Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited. In view of the present unsatisfactory financial position of the company various alternatives for future disposition of the company have been under consideration of the Government. Concrete proposals in this behalf are however, yet to emerge.

Amount given to Maharashtra Under Employment Guarantee Scheme

1731. SHRI ARVIND TULSHI RAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Union Government to the Maharashtra Government under the 'Employment Guarantee Scheme' during 1986-87;

(b) whether Union Government have any check over the proper utilisation of this money; and

(c) whether any cases of irregularity have come to the notice of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). Employment Guarantee Scheme is a State Plan Scheme of Maharashtra. The Union Government does not provide any money to Maharashtra Government under the Employment Guarantee Scheme. During

1986-87 the agreed outlay in the State sector for this scheme was Rs. 150.00 crores. The scheme is implemented by the State and irregularities, if any, are taken note of by the Committee on Employment Guarantee Scheme which is a committee of the State Legislature. No irregularity has come to the notice of Planning Commission.

Scheme for T.V. Glass Projects

1732. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for T.V. glass project has been submitted to Union Government by some units of the T.V. picture tube manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Out of the 3 applications received for glass shell manufacture, one is being promoted by M/s Samtel India Ltd., a Black and White picture tube manufacturer. Bharat Electronics Limited is another picture tube manufacturer which has already set up a glass shell plant for the manufacture of B&W picture tubes.

12.00 hrs.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): More than two lakhs of college teachers are on strike...

MR. SPEAKER: I have already admitted that. We are going to discuss it.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: The Minister of Human Resource Development has to make a statement. All the colleges and Universities are closed. Is the Minister going to make a statement?

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY (Katwa): Why is the Government not talking to them?