

Foreign Exchange Reserves

6724. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether foreign exchange reserves have registered a decline during recent months ;

(b) if so, the extent of decline during the last six months ending February, 1987 ;

(c) the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the fall in foreign exchange reserves ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b) No. Sir. The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) which stood at Rs. 6754.27 crores at the end of September, 1986 increased by Rs. 210.21 crores to Rs. 6964.48 crores at the end of February, 1987.

(c) and (d) The detailed Balance of Payments data, with the details of the individual factors affecting movements in foreign exchange assets during this period, are not yet available. The level of reserves is continuously kept under review with a view to ensuring that the country's commitments with regard to debt service and requirement of goods and services are met.

"Installation of Effluent Treatment Plants in Delhi"

6725. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up effluent treatment plants in all the industrial estates of Delhi ;

(b) whether a pilot project is being launched with the assistance of Municipal Corporation in this regard ;

(c) if so, allocations made for this project in the Seventh Plan ;

(d) whether such plants are being set up as anti-pollution measures ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No. Sir. The industries are required to install effluent treatment plants on their own. However, in certain industrial estates with clusters of small scale industries, financial assistance is given for setting up of common effluent treatment plants.

(b) to (e) To prevent pollution from the industrial areas, the Delhi Administration has formulated a scheme for setting up of common effluent treatment plants in Naraina, Jhilmil Tahirpur, Mayapuri and Rohtak Road. The scheme is to be executed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi during the Seventh Plan period. The cost for setting up of treatment plants will be shared by the Delhi Administration and the individual industrial units located in these areas. The Seventh Plan allocation for the scheme is Rs. 250 lakhs.

Rehabilitation of Potentially Viable Sick Units

6726. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India has since announced a rehabilitation package programme to revive the potentially viable sick units in the country ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of ICICI's revival package of sick units ;

(c) the particulars of the industries likely to be covered ; and

(d) the sick units which come forward to avail themselves of this package ?