

[English]

**New Scheme to Stimulate Investments  
by NRIs**

410. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :  
SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN  
SINHA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new scheme of incentives based on graded pattern of investment to stimulate further industrial investments by non-resident Indians;

(b) whether Government are considering the possibility of allowing NRIs to enter the fields of housing construction and plantations also;

(c) if so, new schemes of incentives that are being provided to NRIs; and

(d) when is the final decision likely to be taken in this regard ?

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) to (d). Investment facilities for Non-Resident Indians/Persons of Indian Origin are reviewed from time to time and suitable changes effected, wherever necessary.

**Loan to Sugar and Textile Units**

411. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar and textile units are the worst defaulters in repayment of term loans to the public financial institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps envisaged to recover loans and check recurrence of such defaults ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The IDBI has reported that the Sugar and textile units are among the major defaulters in the portfolio of public financial institutions. In case of textile mills, the main reasons for default have been their unsatisfactory working because of obsolete plant and machinery, competition from powerloom sector, rise in prices of inputs, labour trouble, inefficient management, etc. In respect of sugar units, defaults are reported to have arisen mainly because of inadequate supply of sugarcane, obsolete machinery and management problems. Institutions have intensified their follow-up efforts of these units for recovery of their dues. They also evolve rehabilitation packages for these sick units which are regarded potentially viable. In order to help modernisation of textile sector, a Textile Modernisation Fund has been set up in the IDBI in August, 1986 for providing concessional finance to the textile units. As regards sugar sector, availment of assistance by sugar units from the Sugar Development Fund is expected to improve cane development programmes and consequent supply of sugar-cane to the mills.

**National Deposit Scheme to Tap Black  
Money**

412. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to utilise the new scheme for issue of tax-free bonds by public undertakings for tapping black money; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND