

to specific project investments. At present no project proposal relating to the education sector is under consideration for World Bank Group assistance.

Loans to Employees for Building Houses

4828. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank employees including officers who have been granted loans for building houses during last three years and total amount incurred by each nationalised bank, state-wise;

(b) the number of employees who have repaid the amount promptly and the amount of interest collected from them; and

(c) the steps taken against defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANAPOOJARY): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and to the extent possible, will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Extinction of Birhor tribe

4830. SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Birhor Tribe in Chhota-nagpur of Bihar is on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any remedial measures in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) During the decade 1961-1971, the population of Birhor Tribe who inhabit mostly the chota-nagpur area in Bihar increased from 2,438 to 3,464. Tribe-wise population of 1981 Census has not yet been published. There is no positive evidence to indicate they are on the verge of extinction.

(b) and (c). Birhor tribe has been identified as a primitive group for according special treatment under tribal sub-plan approach. The Ministry provided SCA of Rs. 207.08 lakhs during VI Plan and Rs. 56.00 lakhs and Rs. 62.00 lakhs in 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively to Govt. of Bihar to implement programmes for Birhors and other 8 primitive tribal groups. The tentative allocation for 1987-88 is Rs. 62.13 lakhs. A special project report for development of Birhors has been prepared by the State Government.

[*English*]

Tribal Welfare Schemes for South Bihar

4831. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the tribal development schemes since the inception of Tribal Sub Plan chhota-nagpur and Santhal Parganas of South Bihar, year wise;

(b) the achievements made so far of these schemes;

(c) the average monthly income of the people of this region; and

(d) the percentage of literacy among tribal population of the region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIR-