

(c) whether Government propose to reduce excise duty on machine-made matches to protect the mechanised factories;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The number of units in the fully mechanised sector (WIMCO) is 5. The number of units in the semi-mechanised sector with capital investment not exceeding Rs. 20 lakhs is around 50. The number of units in the cottage sector is around 7000.

(b) to (e). Some representations have been received from M/s. WIMCO regarding excise duty differential in matches produced by them and the non-mechanised sector. These are under consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken in due course.

**Raising Age Limit for Backward
Communities in Government
Jobs**

8452. SHRI A.C. SHANMUGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the age limit for joining Government jobs for the candidates belonging to backward communities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**Centrally Sponsored Schemes
in Bihar**

8453. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay for major Centrally sponsored schemes in respect of Bihar under the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the actual expenditure during 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the allocation for 1987-88; and

(c) the contribution of the State Government in each scheme in terms of percentage of total expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c). Statement containing the list of major Centrally sponsored schemes in Bihar, indicating pattern of funding and allocations/expenditure during Seventh Five Year Plan, 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given below.