

as at the end of June, 1986 have disbursed Rs. 95.58 crores to 937918 SC/ST beneficiaries.

Separate figures of loans given to SC/ST persons under IRDP, DRI and other special programmes are not available. However these programmes are meant for target groups and as per norms should cover a majority of ST/SC borrowers. Since the target groups to which RRBs give loans have preponderance of SC/ST population, therefore, a sizeable amount of loans outside Government sponsored programmes also benefit it SC/ST population.

Reports Regarding Recruitment to Defence Services

155. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have received reports regarding corrupt practices in recruiting youth to the defence services;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the specific case of corruption/ attempt to receive bribe reported in respect of the recruitment to the services that was held in early September 1987 at Cannanore in Kerala ; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the officials responsible for such corrupt practices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific case has been reported. Certain complaints have, however, come to notice through press reports which are being enquired into.

(c) All complaints are investigated departmentally or through CBI and administrative/ disciplinary action taken against those who are found guilty.

Development Assistance from Japan

156. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Japan is giving Rs. 620 crore loan as development assistance to India ;

(b) how is this amount being utilised ;

(c) the amount allotted for Srisailem Hydro-electric power station in Andhra Pradesh ;

(d) when was the amount released to Andhra Pradesh ;

(e) whether any amount has been earmarked for development of Telecommunication in Andhra Pradesh ;

(f) if so, the amount earmarked in this regard ; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (d) for the year 1987-88 Japan has pledged bilateral loan assistance to the tune of 68.477 billion yen (Rs. 625.87 crores) The amount is being utilised for implementation of the following projects ;-

i) Srisailem Left Bank Hydro Power Station Project (I).

ii) Purulia Pumpel Storage Project (Engineering Services)

(iii) Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Station Construction Project (II).

(iv) Assam Gas Power Station and Transmission Line Construction Project (II)

(v) Tamil Nadu Small-Scale Enterprises Development Project.