

utilisation of loans granted during the year 1983-84 and 1984-85 under Self-Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth. The study was carried out in the selected districts of 17 States/Union Territories covering 1141 beneficiaries.

Government has accepted the need for having a comprehensive study by some independent reputed organisation on a regular basis. Central Government has agreed to share the cost of such studies on 50 : 50 basis with the State Governments subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh per year as Central Government's Share. So far 11 States including Himachal Pradesh have conveyed their acceptance to the proposal.

Construction of a Tunnel in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh

1191. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work for the construction of a tunnel under Rohtang Pass in Lahaul and Spiti district (HP) has been sanctioned and taken up for construction;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure and the likely period for the completion of the project; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which the project would be sanctioned and the construction work taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir; however, feasibility study of a tunnel at Rohtang has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 82 lakhs. The study is likely to be completed in two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is too early to furnish information in the matter.

Credit Camps

1192. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 19 August, 1987 to Starred Question No. 330 regarding credit camps and state :

(a) whether it is proposed to (i) compile data, bank-wise, for each State regarding the credit camps; (ii) provide central monitoring and issue guidelines for making the credit camps more popular and result oriented as also need-based;

(b) if so, the likely date by which it would be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to see that the credit camps inspire confidence among the people and also serve a useful purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The objective behind organising credit camps is aimed at creating an awareness among the people of the work being done by the banks for the improvement of the lot of poor and to achieve a demonstrative impact on the poor people who may be feeling hesitant to come forward and take benefit of bank's assistance mainly by showing up examples of successful economic ventures of other similarly placed persons. It is in this context, that credit camps are organised by public sector banks at their own initiative as part of their overall programme of accelerated credit assistance to weaker sections of society and no central monitoring of such camps is considered feasible or necessary.

Setting up of a Parliamentary Committee for Welfare of Ex-servicemen

1193. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Union Government for the setting up of a Parliamentary Committee for the Welfare of Ex-servicemen as recommended by the high level committee for the Welfare of Ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the likely date by which the Committee would be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?