

loans in 1986-87, and Rs.62.15 crores as grants and Rs. 8.87 crores as loans, during 1987-88.

(b) Government has not given any financial assistance for the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost Escalation of Central Projects

2129. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified any such projects during the mid-term review of the Seventh Plan, which are lagging behind schedule and have been victims of cost escalation, especially in the Ministries of Railways, Surface Transport, Energy, Communications and Industry;

(b) if so, the details of such projects of each Ministry along with the cost escalation involved in each case; and

(c) whether any steps would be taken by fixing suitable targets for their early completion?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI)

(a) The mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan was undertaken of all sectors of development, and of the Plan as a whole; it did not cover cost/time escalation of any individual projects. The exercise undertaken in connection with the mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan was already tabled in the Parliament.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Growth incentives to North-Eastern States

2130. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARAO CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Committee of Ministers for Economic Development of the North-Eastern Region was held on 1 June, 1988;

(b) if so, the agenda of the meeting; and

(c) the outcome of the deliberations and the Government's views thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A meeting of the Committee of Ministers for the economic development of North-Eastern region was held in New Delhi on 1st June, 1988.

(b) The agenda for the meeting, inter-alia, included supply of essential commodities, movement of cement and other related problems, improvement of air facilities, development of road communication, improvement of TV and radio facilities etc.

(c) During the discussions, the Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States pressed for expeditious implementation of various ongoing schemes and improvement of existing infrastructural facilities in their States as well as the region. The Committee directed the Official Level Committee under the chairmanship of Home Secretary to examine the points raised in the meeting by the Chief Ministers and other members of the Committee and take necessary follow-up action. The Central Ministries were also requested to follow-up the suggestions of the Chief Ministers and other members of the Committee.

Integrated rural Energy Planning Training Course at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

2131. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to impart training for Integrated Rural Energy Planning Programme at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay;

(b) if so, the details of the programme; and