

IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). The World Bank is currently providing a loan of \$ 300 million for the Maharashtra Petrochemicals Project being implemented by the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. Discussions are being held with the World Bank officials for a possible loan for another project in the Petrochemicals Sector.

Arrears to NABARD

3091. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of Karnataka will not be granted more reliefs if an undertaking asked for by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is not honoured;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government was also forced to commit itself to clear its arrears to NABARD; and

(d) if so, the main features of the undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had observed that some cooperative banks were not fully complying with the instructions relating to interest rate, conversion of loans etc. NABARD, therefore, had asked these banks to give an undertaking stating therein that they would follow the instructions/guidelines issued by RBI/NABARD, and in the absence of such undertaking the refinance facilities would be discontinued. In such a situation the cooperative banks would have been required to

provide loans to farmers out of their own resources. Since the Cooperative Banks of Karnataka has given the requisite undertaking for following RBI/NABARD instructions, the refinance facilities have already been resumed by NABARD to these banks.

[*Translation*]

Renovation of Bogies of Metre Gauge Lines

3094. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bogies of many trains running on metre gauge lines are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for renovation/replacement of such bogies; and

(c) the names of Divisions in Rajasthan State where Government propose to undertake the renovation work of the bogies (metre gauge)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, 23% of coaches on MG system are overaged.

(b) The coach manufacturing capacity is being stepped up.

(c) Two divisions i.e. Ajmer and Jaipur have started rake renovation

[*English*]

Export and Auction of Tea

3095. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: