Effect of Imposition of ban on Recruitment on Plan Expenditure in Union Territories

4552. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to imposition of ban on recruitment, the Plan expenditure in the Union Territories is badly affected and in spite of budget provision, the allocation could not be spent for want of lifting of ban on creation of posts; and
- (b) if so, the action Government contempeate to take in regard to Union Territories like Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SHRIP. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. For the year 1984-85 the plan allocations have been utilized by the Union Territories.

Setting up of Hill Areas Development Board

4553. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of Hill Areas Development Board to look after the peculiar problems of hilly regions in the country;
- (b) if so, at what stage is the proposal; and
- (c) whether any State Government has mooted this idea to the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to set up a Himalyan Eco-Development Board to oversee the problems of the Himalyan Region in a coordinated manner and give broad policy guidance and directions. The details of the proposal such as its composition, terms of reference etc. are being worked out.

(c) No, Sir.

Manufacture of EPABX and telephone instruments by private sector

4554. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether manufacture of EPABX and telephone instruments by private sector has started using the short-listed technologies;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNO-LOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT, **ATOMIC** OCEAN ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). Government have selected three foreign collaborators for transfer of technology for the manufacture of EPABX and three other foreign collaborators for transfer of technology for the manufacture of Electronic Telephone instruments. The details of the foreign collaborators are as follows:

EPABX

- (i) Jeumont Schneider, France
- (ii) OKI Electric Industry Co., Japan
- (iii) GTE, Belgium.

Telephone Instruments

- (i) M/s Siemens AG, West Germany
- (ii) M/s Ericsson Information Systems, Sweden
- (iii) M/s ITT Face, Italy.

A number of private sector units have been issued letters of intent for the manufacture of EPABX and Electronic Telephone Instruments. Foreign collaboration for the manufacture of EPABX has already been approved for 8 private sector units and foreign collaboration for the manufacture of Electronic Telephone Instruments has been approved for 5 private sector units. Foreign collaboration approvals in respect of 4 private