

Information is awaited from the State Governments of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir and Manipur.

The remaining State Governments and Union Territories have reported no loss in Central Sales Tax revenue during the period in question.

Further information in the matter is being collected.

Report on Water Supply to Delhi Suppression thereof by Junior Officer of Geological Survey of India

2939. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India Scientific Officers' Association in a letter dated the 14th September, 1979, requested the Ministry of Steel and Mines (Department of Mines) to enquire in details into the facts leading to the dropping of vital scheme of water supply to the Delhi Metropolitan area from the proposed Dhauj and Kot Reservoir projects and suppression of a report thereon by a junior officer of Geological Survey of India; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or initiated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The proposed Dhauj and Kot Reservoir Projects were not proceeded with because the Haryana Government felt that it would reduce the availability of water for the Faridabad and Ballabgarh townships, and nearby drought-ridden areas, as also because this would entail the shifting of two entire villages. No report of any junior officer of the Geological Survey of India has been

suppressed. In view of this, no further action is called for.

उत्तर प्रदेश के गाजीपुर जिले में यूनिवर्सल बैंक आफ इंडिया द्वारा भूमिहीन किसानों से प्राप्त ऋण-आवेदन

2940. श्री जैनुल बखर: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1979-80 के दौरान गाजीपुर जिले (उत्तर प्रदेश) में यूनिवर्सल बैंक आफ इंडिया द्वारा भूमिहीन किसानों से ऋण के लिये कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुये थे;

(ख) इन में से सरकारी एजेंसियों के माध्यम से कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुये थे और किसानों से सीधे ही कितने; और

(ग) कितने आवेदकों को ऋण मिल गया?

वित्त मंत्रालय से उप मंत्री (श्री सगनभाई बरोट) (क). वर्ष 1979-80 के दौरान, जिला गाजीपुर में, बैंक को भूमिहीन किसानों से 279 आवेदन प्राप्त हुए थे।

(ख) इनमें से 169 आवेदन पत्र सरकारी एजेंसियों के माध्यम से तथा 110 आवेदन किसानों से सीधे ही प्राप्त हुए थे।

(ग) 239 आवेदकों को ऋण प्रदान किया गया।

Building of new Airport at Rajkot

2941. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) is there a proposal under Government's consideration for building a new airport at Rajkot to cope with the requirements;

(b) has this been sponsored by the Rajkot Urban Developments Authority; and

(c) whether a detailed survey is going to be conducted in this matter, and if so, when?