

of Deposits) Rules, 1975 the non-banking non-financial companies inviting deposits from public are required to indicate in the advertisement, the profits of the company, before and after making provisions for tax, for three financial years immediately preceding the date of advertisement.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Investment by Japan in India's Oil exploration**

9707. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan have expressed its willingness to invest in the exploration of oil and natural gas reserves in India;

(b) whether any concrete proposals have been formulated in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) In response to the pre-qualifying bids invited by the Government in August, 1980, for exploration contracts, response had been received from a few Japanese companies also.

(b) No, Sir, none of these companies were found fit for being short-listed.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Thermal Power Station, in Assam**

9708. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan had offered loan for expansion of

Chandrapur Thermal Power Station in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Government of Japan have agreed to extend a loan of Yen 1.42 billion which is equivalent to Rs. 5.57 crores for the implementation of the Chandrapur Thermal Power Station Expansion Project of the Assam Electricity Board. This loan would be utilised for financing the import of the equipment and materials from Japan for the supply of the 30 MW generating set of the project jointly by M/s. BHEL AND M/s. Mitsubishi of Japan.

#### **Visit to development projects by journalists team**

9709. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Information Bureau sponsor journalists team for taking them on a visit to development projects around the country;

(b) how many such programmes were organised during the last year and their details; and

(c) the proposals in the future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 16 tour programmes were organised during the last financial year; out of which 4 of them were by the Press Information Bureau Headquarters to various developmental projects and the remaining 12 by their branch offices to various tribal and backward areas. Available details are in the attached statement.

(c) Proposals are worked out depending on the need from time to time keeping in view the financial provisions for the purpose.

### Statement

#### DETAILS OF PRESS TOURS ORGANISED BY PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU, NEW DELHI DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL, 1980 TO MARCH, 1981.

1. A press party consisting of 9 journalists was organised from Press Information Bureau, Chandigarh to developmental projects at Chandigarh; Delhi; Hardwar, Bombay; Ahmedabad; Baroda etc. The journalists were from Jammu and Kashmir; Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh.

2. A press party of 16 journalists from Kerala was taken to developmental projects in the Northern region of the country.

3. A party of 10 pressmen was organised from Press Information Bureau, Ahmedabad to developmental projects at Anand; Baroda; Bhilai; Vishakhapatnam, Hyderabad and Bombay. The journalists taken in the party were from Gujarat and Rajasthan newspapers.

4. A party of moffasil journalists belonging to areas of Assam was taken to developmental projects near about Gauhati. The tour was organised by the Press Information Bureau, Gauhati.

#### THE FOLLOWING PIB REGIONAL/ BRANCH OFFICES INCLUDING HEADQUARTERS HAD ORGANISED SPECIAL TOURS OF JOURNALISTS TO TRIBAL AND BACKWARD AREAS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS UNDER THE ANNUAL PLAN SCHEME—1980-81.

1. Press Information Bureau, Patna.
2. Press Information Bureau, Hyderabad,
3. Press Information Bureau, Calcutta.

4. Press Information Bureau, Cuttack.

5. Press Information Bureau, Bombay.

6. Press Information Bureau, Madras.

7. Press Information Bureau, Srinagar.

8. Press Information Bureau, Vijayawada.

9. Press Information Bureau, Chandigarh.

10. Press Information Bureau, Bhopal.

11. Press Information Bureau, Nagpur.

12. Press Information Bureau, New Delhi.

#### Pact with U.K. for Creation of New Power Generation Capacity in India

9710. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the U.K. had signed a pact recently for the creation of new power generation capacity in India; and

(b) if so, the scope and volume of assistance to be received from Britain in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Governments of India and the United Kingdom for co-operation in the development of the Indian power generation sector, on 16-4-81. Several areas for co-operation have been identified in the said document, namely, transfer of technology and investment, collaboration in the creation of new power generation capacity, co-operation in the field of design, operation and maintenance of thermal power stations, training and quality assurance. However no agreement has been signed