

purposes by the Commissioner of Income-tax Delhi-1;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CIT, Delhi-I has referred the matter back to the Central Board of Direct Taxes for reconsideration;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for reconsideration after a gap of two months after the circulation of the Revised Seniority list of U.D.C.; and

(c) when the list of UDCs of the Income-tax Department, Delhi will be implemented for next higher promotion purposes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) to (c). Objection to the revised seniority list circulated on 16-2-1981 were called for from all the concerned officials. Originally, 10 days' time from the date of circulation was given for submission of objections. On representations received from the officials, the time for submission of the objections was extended upto 15-3-1981. A number of objections were received and they are being examined and considered.

(d) The revised Seniority List will be implemented for next higher promotion purposes as soon as the same is finalised. Steps are being taken to finalise the Seniority List as early as possible.

Agreement with Netherlands

10394. **SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Netherlands bilateral agreement has been concluded recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by what time the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, the Netherlands Government has indicated that for the year 1981 they propose to extend to India total assistance of Dutch Guilders 234 Million—Dutch Guilders 165 million by way of loan and the balance Dutch Guilders 69 million in the form of grants. The agreements for these are expected to be signed shortly.

Geological Survey in Tamil Nadu

10395. **SHRI N. SOUNDARAJAN:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether geological survey of Salem district in Tamil Nadu has revealed existence of minerals other than iron ore; and

(b) if so, the nature of minerals found and the estimated reserves and the arrangement proposed for detailed prospecting?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Geological Survey of Salem district in Tamil Nadu has revealed, besides, iron ore, minerals, like 6.24 million tonnes of Bauxite, 0.012 million tonnes of Chronite, 0.038 million tonnes of Corundum, 58.28 million tonnes of Limestone 44 million tonnes of Magnesite, 0.031 million tonnes of Felspar. Detailed prospecting for many of the minerals has been completed.

Tea Estates in Kerala

10396. **SHRI B. K. NAIR:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a large number of the estates in Kerala are under going severe financial strain;

(b) if so, the causes thereof;