

(b) if so, their effect on the behaviour of the seabed; and

(c) their ecological impact on the coastal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c). No abnormally radioactive sediments have been found along the east and west coasts of India. The presence of normal radioactivity in the sediments will not have any effect on the behaviour of the seabed, nor any significant ecological impact on the coastal areas.

**Setting of Development Corporation in Punjab ..**

1533. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to set up a Development Corporation for the ten mile border belt in Punjab during the current plan;

(b) if so, its broad outlines; and

(c) when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No Sir. Planning Commission has no such proposal under consideration.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Disparity in Pension to Ex-Army Personnel**

1534. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the removal of disparity in the Pensions to the Ex-Army Personnel who retired before 1977 and thereafter;

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken in this regard and the extent

to which the disparity has been reduced; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which any steps would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pensioners who retired before 30-9-1977 are granted periodic relief at a rate which is 20 per cent higher than that admissible to those who retired subsequently. Besides, the former also get benefits in the shape of temporary increase, ad-hoc increase and ad-hoc relief, depending upon their date of retirement. To this extent the disparity in pension has been reduced.

(c) Does not arise.

**Midterm Appraisal of Sixth Plan**

1535. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mid-term appraisal of the Sixth Five Year Plan has been carried out; and

(b) if so, the results thereof and the motive of modification accepted in the Sixth Five Year Plan as a consequence of (i) Central Government (ii) State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**उत्प्रवासी श्रमिक**

1537. श्री केयूर भूषण :  
श्री भोगन्ध झा :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में उन ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या हैं, जहाँ से बड़ी संख्या में