

(b) People below the poverty line in the year 1977-78, the latest year for which the information is available, is estimated at 252.77 million in rural areas and 51.84 million in urban areas.

(c) At the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan i.e. 1979-80, total number of population estimated to live below the poverty line was 316.84 million. The Sixth Five Year Plan, through poverty alleviation and other allied programmes attempts to reduce the people below poverty line to 215.16 million. Thus, 101.68 million persons are expected to be brought above the poverty line at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan.

**Foreign assignments to Central Government officers in various international bodies**

1051. SHRI P. D. SINGH:

SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Central Government officers were given foreign assignments in various international bodies during the last three years and how many of them returned to their parent Ministries/Departments after the completion of their term of assignment;

(b) how many of the officers continue beyond the term of their assignments and how many of them got assignments elsewhere; and

(c) how many persons were given foreign assignments either on the verge of their retirement or immediately after their retirement stating the criteria for giving such assignments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

**Activities of Bavarias and Sansis Tribes in Delhi**

1052. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the violent and criminal activities of the Bavarias and Sansi tribes in the Capital; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check their criminal activities and to bring them to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b). While majority of the Bavarias and Sansis now lead a settled life, some of them continue to indulge in heinous crimes. A strict police vigil on Bavarias and Sansis, who are on police records, is kept. Intelligence is also collected about their movements.

**Production of Dairy Machinery by H.M.T.**

1053. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools will diversify its production base to include dairy machinery;

(b) if so, whether any detailed plans have been drawn up for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c). HMT has obtained an Industrial Licence for manufacture of Dairy machinery at Aurangabad. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 487.50 lakhs. Implementation of the project has already commenced.