

Visit of Minister of Planning, Zanzibar

9210. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Minister of Planning, Zanzibar had paid a visit to India during December last year ;

(b) whether Government had extended help and assurance to that country in the industrial and economic development activities ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) YES

(b) YES

(c) The Government expressed its willingness to cooperate as far as possible with Zanzibar in the field of development planning. In particular, it was agreed in principal to (i) provide managerial personnel for Zanzibar Industrial Estate ; (ii) to meet certain training requirements of Zanzibar ; (iii) to explore the possibilities of providing expertise for its Economic Planning. They were also assured of all possible assistance in the field of Irrigation and for developing fisheries. Certain other issues such as the possibilities of India's assistance in the field of wood-based industries were also discussed.

Setting up of District Science Centre at Bhubaneswar

9211. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a district science centre at Bhubaneswar ;

(b) if so, the main objectives of setting up such a centre ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The National Council of Science Museums, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry

of Education & Culture, have decided to set up a District Science Centre at Bhubaneswar.

(b) The District Science Centres are developed primarily as activity-based learning centres with a view to :

(i) develop scientific attitude and thinking by encouraging curiosity and questioning processes ;

(ii) encourage critical analysis of social, cultural, technological and natural environment ;

(iii) collect and disseminate information relating to science and technology ;

(iv) inculcate an ability to identify the problems and work towards an appropriate solution ;

(v) promote and support innovative and experimental activities in pursuit of the purposes of the Centre.

(c) The Centre at Bhubaneswar is likely to be set up soon.

गुट-निरपेक्ष शिखर सम्मेलन के लिए राज्य कर्मचारियों को काम पर लगाना

9212. श्रीमती किशोरी सिन्हा :

श्री रघोन्द्र वर्मा :

श्री मोती भाई आर० चौधरी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में आयोजित गुट-निरपेक्ष शिखर सम्मेलन के लिए प्रबन्ध करने के संबंध में विभिन्न राज्यों के कर्मचारियों को दिल्ली बुलाया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राज्यवार ऐसे कितने कर्मचारी बुलाए गए थे ; और

(ग) उन पर कुल कितनी घनराशि खर्च हुई ?