Restoration of Confidence Among Overseas Investors

990. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA
BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of
FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Londonbased Indian Merchants Association representing non resident Indian investors urged Government to convene conference to restore confidence among the overseas investors which has been eroded by the recent controversy over takeover bids; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. While the Indian Merchants Association, London, has made a few suggestions regarding NRI facilities it has not given any suggestion to convene a conference.

(b) Does not arise.

Policy Regarding Loan From IMF

- 991. PROF. MADHU DANDA-VATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have changed its policy regarding the quantum of loan from the International Monetary Fund;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the change of policy;
- (c) the factors that prompted this change; and
- (d) reaction of the I.M.F. towards this change?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) India has informed the Fund of its decision not to draw the balance of SDR 1.1 billion available under the EFF

Arrangement with the Fund after the completion of 1983-84 programme as the balance of payments position has been stronger than envisaged in the EFF Arrangement.

(d) The decision of the Government of India was widely welcomed in the Fund. The Fund authorities noted that the decision was a measure of the success of the Indian programme and it would strengthen Fund's liquidity position for assistance to other developing countries.

सोवियत संघ द्वारा निजी क्षेत्र को उदार शर्तों पर ऋण देने की पेशकश

992. डा॰ सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी:
श्री मनोहर लाल सैनी:
श्रीमती किशोरी सिन्हा: क्या
वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि सोवियत संघ | ने हमारे देश में निजी क्षेत्र को उदार आतीं पर ऋण देने की पेशकश की है;
- (ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में तथ्य क्या हैं;
- (ग) क्या सोवियत संघ ने सार्वजनिक, क्षेत्र को भी ऐसी पेशकश की है; और
- (घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंघी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) से (घ): समाचार पत्रों में यह समाचार था कि सोवियत समाजवादी जनतंत्र संघ सोवियत उपस्करों की खरीद के लिए गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कम्पनियों को ऋग/वित्तीय सहायता की पेशकश कर सकता है। इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार को कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। तथापि यह उल्लेख किया जा सकता है कि भारत सरकार और सोवियत समाजवादी