

(a) whether a high level official group has recently been constituted to examine the progress of the 20-Point Programme in selected States which are lagging behind in implementation;

(b) if so, in what way the group will identify shortcomings and difficulties of the various schemes under the 20 Point Programme in the selected States ; and

(c) by when the group is likely to submit its report to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) No Sir. However, officers of the Central Government are visiting the States to review implementation of the 20-Point Programme. These officers hold discussions with the concerned officers in the States and also make field visits to see some of the Programmes/Schemes on the ground.

Officers of DS&T Went on Foreign Tours

8807. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) number of officers of Department of Science and Technology (including their attached institutions) and their designations who went on foreign tours in the last two-years and the expenditure incurred thereon ;

(b) purpose of their visits abroad ; and

(c) steps being taken to curtail these frequent visits and minimise the expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid in the

table of the House. [placed in library. See No. LT-8252/84]

(c) The officers were deputed for participation in technical conferences/seminars or to represent the Government in bilateral and multilateral meetings which were in the National interest keeping in view the need for economy in foreign travel.

Black Marketing in Maruti Cars

8808. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maruti car is being sold in the black-market ; and

(b) if so, steps being taken to curb black marketing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) Although, possibilities of resale transactions cannot be ruled out, no specific cases have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Maruti Udyog Ltd, is trying to step up production to bridge the gap between demand and supply.

Definition of 'Mafia'

8809. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the exact definition of 'mafia' with particular reference to that in Dhanbad ; and

(b) names of the few 'mafias' identified so far and the steps taken on them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) :