

(c) when such joint programmes are going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) to (c). A delegation led by Minister of Mines of Tanzania, visited India in January, 1984 and expressed the desire to have Indian co-operation and assistance in mineral exploration and mining for nickel, gold, diamond and coal. So far no formal proposal has been received from the Tanzanian side.

#### Yarn Banks of N.T.C.

3049. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where the National Textile Corporation has set up yarn banks ; and

(b) the names of States which have come forward to implement Centre's housing scheme for weavers for which the Centre has earmarked Rs. 10 crores as subsidy ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) National Textile Corporation has not set up any Yarn Bank. However, NTC have agreed to assist the handloom sector by offering supplies at ex-Mill prices direct to the State agencies/apex and regional societies and Handloom Development Corporation. Further, for the convenience of the handloom agencies, supplies would also be offered ex-National Textile Corporation Yarn depots at principal cities.

(b) No such scheme has been finalised.

#### Proposal to Reduce Freight in the Gulf Route by Air India

3051. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :  
SHRI A.K. BALAN :  
SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :  
SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative earning of Air India from the Gulf sector and the European sector ;

(b) whether there is a growing demand from the passengers from the Gulf-sector to reduce the fare in the Gulf-Trivandrum sector ;

(c) whether Government has taken up this matter with the IATA ; and

(d) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Up-to-date information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) There have been some demands for reduction of the fare.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Amounts Received by States Against their Budgetary Deficits

3052. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item under the caption 'Mitra's charge against Centre' appeared in the 'Statesman', Calcutta on May 19, 1984 ;

(b) the amount received by West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu severally against their budgetary deficits respectively ;

(c) the amount Bihar got against its budgetary deficit of Rs. 27.36 crores ;

(d) whether certain States received amounts though not having budgetary deficits ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The news item has been seen.

(b) to (e). While determining the actual amount of medium-term loan to be provided to States, the following aspects were kept in view, viz. :

- (i) the anticipated overdraft of the States at the end of 1983-84 ;
- (ii) the overdraft with which the States closed the year 1982-83 ; and
- (iii) State's share of expenditure in 1983-84 on four major anti-poverty programmes of IRDP, NREP, Water Supply and Rural Roads.

The Medium-term loan was provided to States with the main objective of keeping up the tempo of the major anti-poverty programmes in States which faced financial problems and for enabling those States, wherever possible, to get reasonable Plan outlays in 1984-85. The Centre had neither shown undue favour to some States nor did it deprive others of any assistance which could be extended according to the scheme outlined above.

A statement showing the projected deficits at the end of 1983-84 and the special assistance given during 1983-84 in the case of each State is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

*Projected deficits of States at the end of 1983-84 and the medium-term loan provided to States during 1983-84*

(Rs. crores)

States	Projected deficit on 31.3.1984 as agreed to between CMs and FM/Planning Minister	Medium-Term Loans provided to States during 1983-84
1. Bihar	200.24	169.29
2. Haryana	37.93	19.93
3. Karnataka	37.00	4.84£
4. Kerala	85.91	42.26
5. Madhya Pradesh	—	20.27£
6. Orissa	41.00	41.00
7. Punjab	49.62	21.32
8. Rajasthan	61.87	48.71
9. Tamil Nadu	126.00	55.78
10. Uttar Pradesh	102.00	2.0£
11. West Bengal	132.63*	73.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>874.20</b>	<b>499.12</b>

\*As suggested by the Govt. of India.

£Actual overdraft at the end of 1982-83.