

1	2	3
20. Rajasthan	-	2.80
21. Sikkim	-	0.04
22. Tamil Nadu	-	10.51
23. Tripura	-	0.26
24. Uttar Pradesh	-	5.92
25. West Bengal	-	2.95
Total-I	-	43.19

Union Territories

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	.
2. Chandigarh	-	0.03
3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-
4. Daman & Diu	-	-
5. Delhi	-	0.19
6. Lakshadweep	-	.
7. Pondicherry	-	0.43
Total-II	-	0.25
Total-I + Total-II	-	43.38

* Less than 500.

Board Level Vacancies in PSUs

447. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the status as on 31.3.98 regarding position of vacancies at Board level in various Central Government/ Public Sector Undertakings under Ministries ;

(b) whether these vacancies are lying vacant beyond the normal limit as per the guidelines ;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken indepth review of the performance of the Board for selection of Board level posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Board is being re-constituted; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) As on 31.3.98, 31 posts of Chief Executives and 71 posts of Functional Directors were vacant in various Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) The Policy of the Government is to fill up the posts well in time. There is no specified limit for keeping a post vacant.

(c) Need has not been felt .

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Debt GDP Ratio

448. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state The debt-GDP ratio and debt-service ratio separately during each financial year of Eighth Five Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : The external debt to GDP ratio, and external debt-service (calculated by using cash payment method) to current receipt ratio during Eighth Five Year Plan Period (1992-97) are as under :

Year	Ext. debt to GDP-ratio %	Debt-Service ratio %
1992-93	39.8	27.5
1993-94	35.8	25.4
1994-95	32.3	25.6
1995-96	28.2	24.8
1996-97	25.9	22.6

Sunderbans, West Bengal-Tourist Place

449. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to declare Sunderbans (West Bengal) as an International Tourist Spot and to provide the required infrastructural facility for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) to (c) Sunderbans is already a tourist spot being visited by International Tourists. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned projects for Sunderbans in West Bengal namely purchase of Cruise Vessels , a Tourist Lodge , a Launch and Tents at Piyali, and a Tourist Lodge at Frasergang.