

(c) the number of proposal pending in this regard with the Government at present;

(d) whether such proposals were opposed at any stage;

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

(f) whether workers' interests have been kept in view while allowing such proposal;

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith its impact on tendu and bidi workers; and

(h) the plan chalked out by the Government for resettlement of workers likely to be affected due to new proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) The existing guidelines for consideration of FDI proposals by FIPB do not stipulate any ceiling on the extent of foreign equity participation in sectors pertaining to consumer non-durables, which include cigarettes. However, as there has been no precedent of 100% FDI approval in cigarettes so far, it was felt necessary to clarify the position vide Press Note No.11 (1998 series) dated 27th August, 1998, that proposals for manufacture of cigarette with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% will also be considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) subject to the provisions relating to compulsory licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. This has been done with a view to lending greater transparency in decision making.

(c) The only proposal received so far is from M/s Rothmans of Pall Mall (International) Limited. U.K.

(d) and (e) Several representations both in favour and against the proposal have been received inter-alia from Members of Parliament, trade unions, tobacco growers, bidi workers etc. While representations against the proposal have been received on grounds such as health hazard, unemployment of bidi workers, unfair competition to the domestic cigarette industry and negative revenue implications for the Government; the representations in favour of the proposal highlight issues such as competitive price for tobacco growers, benefit to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa & Karnataka, foreign exchange earnings etc.

(f) to (h) The proposal is still under consideration of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board and a final view on it will be taken only after due consideration of all relevant issues.

[Translation]

#### **Mukherjee Committee on Mine Accidents**

2270. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mukherjee Committee constituted to examine the accidents occurred in Gaslit and mine of BCCL has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the further action being taken on the basis of this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) Yes, Madam.

The Committee has submitted its report to the Government in the Ministry of Labour on 29-6-1998.

(b) and (c) The recommendation made in the report are under consideration of the Government.

[English]

#### **Expansion of PMRY**

2271. SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY :  
SHRI A.C. JOS :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to expand the scope of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana to cover horticulture, piggery, fishing, small tea garden etc. under group financing with subsidy component of 15% and the age limit revised to 40 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress of implementation;

(c) the number of people belonging to SCs/STs benefitted under PMRY during each of the last three years, State-wise, particularly in North Est region; and

(d) the allocation of funds under the scheme and the estimated target of coverage to the unemployed during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana aims to assist educated unemployed youth in setting up micro-enterprises. The assistance is provided by way of bank loan, subsidy, training etc. The scheme targets youth in the age group of 18 to 35 years for setting up micro-enterprises in industry, service & business sectors in the country as a whole. Subsidy is provided @ 15% subject to a maximum of Rs.7,500/-.

For the North East since the year 1997-98 activities such as horticulture, piggery, fishing, small tea gardens etc., so as to cover all economically viable activities have been included. Upper age limit has also been relaxed to 40 years for individual as well as for a group. Family income eligibility has been revised to Rs.40,000/- per annum for parents as well as for the beneficiary and his/her spouse separately, for the North East Region.

(b) and (c) The details showing State-wise overall achievement as well as achievement for SC/ST for the country as a whole including the North Eastern Region for the last 3 years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(d) Funds for subsidy @ 15% subject to a maximum of Rs.7,500/- are authorised to Reserve Bank of India to be passed on to individual beneficiary through implementing banks. Funds for training etc. are released to State/UTs

Government. The details showing target, achievement and amount of the funds authorised to the Reserve Bank of India and released to State/UT Governments for 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

### Statement-I

*Progress of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for Educated Unemployed Youth for the year 1995-96*

*As Reported by RBI*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the States/UTs	Target	Loan sanctioned by banks (nos.)	Loan disbursed by banks (nos.)	Loan sanctioned to SC/ST by banks (nos.)	Loan disbursed to SC/ST by banks (nos.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>						
1.	Haryana	7200	9003	7199	781	581
2.	Himachal Pradesh	2100	2570	2350	438	370
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	3100	2658	1692	143	54
4.	Punjab	15000	15312	12301	2372	1626
5.	Rajasthan	10400	9936	6891	1602	1086
6.	Chandigarh	150	177	153	19	15
7.	Delhi	4550	4358	2537	532	253
<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>						
8.	Assam	9900	8784	7478	1762	1304
9.	Manipur	4000	1272	1134	269	184
10.	Meghalaya	550	534	391	492	174
11.	Nagaland	300	295	292	264	172
12.	Tripura	1300	1407	673	313	150
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	300	256	226	242	48
14.	Mizoram	250	250	215	117	106
15.	Sikkim	200	161	144	30	22
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>						
16.	Bihar	22150	17100	12506	3107	2095
17.	Orissa	8250	7941	5708	1280	853
18.	West Bengal	22900	11535	7188	1699	1066
19.	Andaman & Nicobar	100	92	71	16	10
20.	Madhya Pradesh	27050	30592	22789	5133	3232
21.	Uttar Pradesh	35813	34477	28308	5689	3341
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>						
22.	Gujarat	8500	10455	8905	1313	1132
23.	Maharashtra	35900	40070	31852	5643	4695
24.	Daman & Diu	100	44	29	6	6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25.	Goa	550	514	409	28	19
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	150	188	177	81	79
SOUTHERN REGION						
27	Andhra Pradesh	31900	29776	23904	4613	3048
28	Karnataka	17700	15877	13341	1912	1647
29	Kerala	15000	14211	12556	1427	1230
30	Tamil Nadu	21800	18311	14959	2363	1808
31.	Lakshadweep	50	36	35	35	35
32	Pondicherry	500	472	339	46	37
	Not specified		11	7	2	2
	All India		289000	226759	43769	30480

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*As Reported by RBI*

(Rs. in lakhs)

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NORTHERN REGION						
1.	Haryana	7200	8247	5780	603	446
2.	Himachal Pradesh	2100	2406	2185	282	227
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	3500	1240	645	94	70
4.	Punjab	8600	9814	7368	1314	791
5.	Rajasthan	10400	10247	5899	1514	704
6.	Chandigarh	150	148	105	9	6
7.	Delhi	4550	1883	949	162	70
NORTH EASTERN REGION						
8.	Assam	15000	7809	5497	1177	938
9.	Manipur	3000	1916	1344	306	249
10.	Meghalaya	550	485	419	358	319
11.	Nagaland	450	309	281	255	166
12.	Tripura	1950	1355	548	585	302
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	450	283	261	280	243
14.	Mizoram	375	225	179	225	179
15.	Sikkim	200	126	102	92	77
EASTERN REGION						
16.	Bihar	22150	17353	12811	2251	1073

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17.	Orissa	8250	7363	3341	972	365
18.	West Bengal	22900	8674	5660	1069	603
19.	Andaman & Nicobar	100	81	58	45	38
20.	Madhya Pradesh	27050	31545	19240	4152	2280
21.	Uttar Pradesh	35813	33549	24880	3540	2566
22.	Gujarat	8500	9590	8301	1148	1002
23.	Maharashtra	35900	36819	29674	4907	3719
24.	Daman & Diu	100	24	19	—	—
25.	Goa	550	485	376	6	5
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	150	173	131	79	35
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>						
27.	Andhra Pradesh	31900	27887	18110	2509	1412
28.	Karnataka	17700	15916	10946	2034	1312
29.	Kerala	15000	14607	12646	1296	1170
30.	Tamil Nadu	21800	15229	9852	1851	971
31.	Lakshadweep	50	36	36	36	36
32.	Pondicherry	500	282	182	31	21
	Not specified		18	13	2	2
	All India		266161	187838	33162	21396

*Progress of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for Educated Unemployed Youth for the year 1997-98*

*As Reported by RBI*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the States/UTs	Target	Loan sanctioned by bank (nos.)	Loan disbursed by bank (nos.)	Loan sanctioned to SC/ST by bank (nos.)	Loan disbursed to SC/ST by bank (nos.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>						
1.	Haryana	6300	6070	3785	542	352
2.	Himachal Pradesh	2300	2331	1842	295	239
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	3500	2764	1718	238	162
4.	Punjab	9000	9143	6642	1319	942
5.	Rajasthan	14300	12340	6847	1900	1033
6.	Chandigarh	200	165	94	10	8
7.	Delhi	4700	1086	493	135	53
<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>						
8.	Assam	13400	7871	1858	1118	272
9.	Manipur	1300	294	83	41	10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	Meghalaya	550	439	124	100	30
11.	Nagaland	450	412	290	109	44
12.	Tripura	1300	911	116	120	26
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	300	222	31	59	18
14.	Mizoram	400	213	-	29	-
15.	Sikkim	100	62	28	14	10
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>						
16.	Bihar	21500	12961	7907	2496	1477
17.	Orissa	9250	7218	912	914	140
18.	West Bengal	23000	4482	2560	588	365
19.	Andaman & Nicobar	100	56	36	12	8
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>						
20.	Madhya Pradesh	31500	27015	11752	3450	1638
21.	Uttar Pradesh	45200	36796	25538	5678	3798
22.	Gujarat	12600	17834	13239	2439	1906
23.	Maharashtra	42600	38744	27180	4195	3086
24.	Daman & Diu	50	31	30	2	2
25.	Goa	600	311	223	13	9
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	50	75	67	22	20
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>						
27.	Andhra Pradesh	34200	25017	14619	3903	2524
28.	Karnataka	22000	17003	9113	2324	1436
29.	Kerala	16000	13814	10296	1170	971
30.	Tamil Nadu	27700	15133	9153	2164	1322
31.	Lakshadweep	50	47	38	47	38
32.	Pondicherry	500	409	185	42	17
Not specified						
All India			261269	156799	35488	21967

**Statement-II**

*Target achievement and allocation of funds under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98*

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	Target (Nos.)	Cases sanctioned (Nos.)	Funds authorised to Reserve Bank of India	Funds allocated to States/UTs
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	1994-95	2,20,000	1,82,178	7453.00	2029.41
2.	1995-96	2,20,000*	2,88,604	11820.00	2475.57

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	1996-97	2,20,000	2,66,161	9800.00	1679.00
4.	1997-98	2,20,000	2,61,269	7900.00	1574.23

\*Inclusive of backlog the target was 2,60,000.

**Procurement of Cotton**

2272. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for changes in the procurement policies of Cotton;