Written Answers

Trade With Pakistan

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1229. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

- (a) whether there are reports that Pakistan intends to open up trade with India.
- (b) whether the Government have received any request from Pakistan in this regard;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto, and
- (d) the details of trade between India and Pakistan made during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI ROMAIAH): (a) There have been some media reports suggesting that Pakistan intends to open up trade with India. However, no official communication has been received on the subject from Pakistan

(b) No. Sir.

Total

- (c) Does not arise
- (d) The details of trade between India and Pakistan during the last three years are given below:

	C	Value in Rs. crores)
Year	Exports to Pakistan	Imports from Pakistan
1993-94	200.96	136.65
1994-95	179.71	165.61
1995-96	256.80	150.80
(Source DGCI	&S)	And the selection of the property of the selection of the

Foreign Investment

- 1230. SHRI JAG MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of projects, involving foreign investment in the infrastructure sector like power, transportation, telecommunication and water supply have been approved since 1991.
- (b) the amount of foreign investment assured for the infrastructure sector in those projects, and
 - (c) the actual foreign investment made so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURAS)... MARAN): (a) and (b), 390 proposals, involving foreign direct investment have been approved in infrastructure sector like power, transportation and telecommunication during the period from August, 1991 to May, 1996. These proposals envisage foreign direct investment of Rs 30300.85 crores.

(c) The sector wise data on actual foreign investment made is maintained by Reserve Bank of India. As per available data from Reserve Bank of India, during the period from 1.4.91 to 31.3.95, Rs. 378.08 crores of actual foreign investment have been made in these sectors.

Reports of C. & A.G.

- 1231. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :
- (a) the ministry-wise number of queries in their reports made by Comptroller and Auditor General of India during each of the last three years:
- (b) the number of Action Taken Reports have been conveyed as response and how many no Action Taken reports have been submitted.
- (c) whether the Action Taken Notes are a mandatory procedure as a follow-up to CAG findings; and
- (d) if so, the action have been taken against the Departments/Ministries who have failed to submit their Action Taken Notes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

P.M.R.Y. in Delhi

1232. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1001 on March 8, 1996 regarding Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana and State:

(a) the details of applications returned to the Office

of the Industries, Government of NCT of Delhi by the Regional Office of Indian Overseas Bank. Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi during December, 1995 for want of some clarification;

- (b) whether some applications are reported to have been delayed or misplaced in the above bank;
- (c) if so, the action taken to fix the responsibility and to trace out the missing applications; and
- (d) the date by which the loan is likely to be provided to those applicants, who are being delayed since October 15, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has reported that six applications were returned during December. 1995 by the Regional Office. Delhi to the Office of the Commissioner of Industries. Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi for reasons inter-alia including applicants not turning up and changing of activity/location of the business for which permission of the sponsoring agency was necessary.

(b) to (d). The bank has reported that no application was misplaced by the bank. However, one of the applicants has complained about delay in disbursement of loan. The bank has further stated that as soon as the original application or duplicate thereof, duly recommended, is received from the Commissioner of Industries, Government of NCT of Delhi, disbursement thereon will be considered on merits and as per norms. The bank has reported that as there was no delay/misplacement of applications by the bank, fixing of responsibility does not arise.

Housing Loan Fraud in N.I.A.

- 1233. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :
- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Housing loan fraud in NIA; officer commits suicide" appearing in the Financial Express of June 4, 1996.
 - (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not detection of such a scam by the Internal Audit/Vigilance Department of the Company or during Government audits:
- (d) the reasons for not reporting the Scam to the police so far; and
- (e) the efforts being made to ensure that the investigation of the Scam is handed over to the C.B.I. or any other independent investigation Agency?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e). The New India Assurance Company Limited (NIAC) have reported that during the statutory audit in March

1996, certain irregularities came to light which led to suspect that an Administrative Officer and a Senior Assistant in collusion with each other have misappropriated a sum amounting to Rs. 13.45 lakhs during the period August 1993 to October 1995 in the drawal and disbursement of housing loans to employees under the Housing Loan Scheme of the Company. The officer concerned retired on 31.10.1995; disciplinary proceedings under CDA Rules have already been initiated against the concerned Senior Assistant by placing him under suspension. Both of them have confessed their role in the misappropriation and already an amount of Rs. 3.05 lakhs was recovered from them. An undertaking has been given by them that they would make good the loss by surrendering their immovable property to the Company. The matter will be resolved after completing necessary legal formalities. Investigations so far carried out do not suggest that the officer who committed suicide was in any way directly connected with the misappropriation made by the erring employees.

12.00 hrs.

... (Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (Howrah): There was stoppage of work last night in the All India medical Institute I gave a notice.

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir I gave a notice about the stoppage of work in the All India institute of Medical Sciences. This is a very urgent matter. (Interruptions)

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands): Sir. I gave a notice about the strike in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the beating up of the doctors. The Home Minister should make a statement about it...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please sit down. I will allow all of you to speak one by one. But do not speak simultaneously. Please site down. Shri Chandra Shekhar ...(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: It is not fair When the former Prime Minister is standing here to speak, the senior Member is disturbing. (Interruptions)

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: What is this? You have called him to speak.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA. Why is he disturbing? You have called Shri Chandra Shekhar to speak.