

(c) and (d). Interaction between Government and the various agencies for accelerating exports is a continuous process and remedial measures are taken from time to time based on the suggestions of these agencies including Export Promotion Councils

Conference on Investment Opportunities

415. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister inaugurated two day conclave titled "Destination India-Global Summit on Investment Opportunities".

(b) if so, whether this conference was organised by Ministry of Industry and FICCI.

(c) whether the conference was successful in bringing together 500 businessmen from India and abroad.

(d) the main decision arrived at in the conference.

(e) the number of foreign investors attended the conference; and

(f) the decision taken and steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Ministry of Industry, in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, organised a Global Summit on Investment Opportunities in India on September 10-11, 1996 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was attended by about 100 foreign delegates and around 400 Indian delegates.

(d) to (f). The Summit which was attended by about 100 foreign delegates was intended to evolve a cross-fertilisation of ideas and suggestions to buttress the on-going process of promoting further investment opportunities in the country and to provide special focus on six thrust sectors namely, Information technology, Computer software, Energy-Power, hydrocarbon and non-conventional energy sources, Transport Infrastructure, Agri business and food processing, Financial Services, and Environmental Technologies. The suggestions received from the participants provided valuable input for Government's continuing effort to promote investment and to update policy.

[Translation]

Pension Scheme in Allahabad Bank

416. SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad Bank has implemented the new pension scheme in its all branches and started

paying pension to widows of its employees in accordance with this scheme.

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that Sultanpur branch of the bank has not yet implemented the new pension scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The bank has informed that it has implemented the new pension scheme in respect of all branches including Sultanpur branch.

KVIC

417. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on bee-keeping by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and other such agencies during the last three years.

(b) whether a survey has been carried out about the protection of bee-keeping Industry in various States of the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The details of total amount spent on bee-keeping by KVIC during the last three years is :

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1993-94	74.52
1994-95	52.73
1995-96	155.90

(b) No, Sir. No such survey has been carried out in the recent past about the protection of bee-keeping Industry in various states of the country particularly in Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Import of Coal from Australia

418. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to import coal from Australia;

(b) if so, whether any trade delegation from Australia visited the country recently in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions held with Australian delegation; and