

[*Translation*]

LONG-TERM LOAN TO BIHAR

1395. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN :

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have not so far agreed to the request of the Government of Bihar for granting a long-term loan to the State to overcome its financial problems during 1990-91 arising mainly on account of non-realisation of cess on coal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) and (b) Government of Bihar had sought a long-term loan of Rs. 400 crores in 1990-91 in terms of para 7.31 of the Second Report of the Ninth Finance Commission for covering the gap in resources because mainly of the stay of realisation of cess on coal by the Supreme Court. The Ninth Finance Commission in para 7.31 of their Second Report suggested that the Centre could make good a part of the overall revenue gap to ten States including Bihar. This suggestion of the Commission which was not in the nature of a recommendation has not been accepted by the Government. As such and also in view of Centre's own resources constraint it was not found possible to accede to the request of the Government of Bihar for a long-term loan of Rs. 400 crores.

[*English*]

CAPSULE COURSE IN SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

1396. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capsule course conducted by the School of Foreign Languages has been adopted on the lines of the one followed in a foreign or Indian University or it has been developed indigenously at the school of Foreign Languages;

(b) if developed at the School of Foreign Languages, who developed this capsule course;

(c) whether any honorarium or award was given to its exponent;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the purpose, duration and its usefulness to the Defence Services in comparison to the interpretership course;

(f) since when this course is being run and in how many languages; and

(g) the saving per annum it is accruing to the Government as compared to interpretership course?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (d) The School of Foreign Languages (SFL) conducts a Capsule Course in Russian language, the contents of which were designed and developed by a team in which a Faculty member of the School was also included. The development of the course contents of the Russian Capsule Course was a part of the normal responsibilities of the Faculty member of SFL. As such, there was no basis for any honorarium or award being given to him.

(e) The Russian Capsule Course of one year duration is primarily conducted to prepare translators whereas the Russian Interpretership Course of 22 months duration prepares Interpreters for the Defence Services.

(f) The Capsule Course is being conducted since 1984 in Russian language only.

(g) Russian Capsule Course is in addition to and not in lieu of Russian Interpretership Course. Thus, the question of savings does not arise.

[*Translation*]

BANK LOANS TO SC/ST AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES IN ORISSA

1397. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :