

(a) Whether the facility of water has not been provided by the State in the bestows of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in rural areas;

(b) If so, whether the Government propose to provide special financial assistance to State for providing the said facility in these bestows; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a). No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

#### **Losses Incurred By I. C. I. LTD.**

6603. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Chemical Industries Ltd., a big company in the field of chemicals, fertilisers and fibre, suffered a loss of about Rs. 12.20 crores in 1989-90 and this loss is likely to increase further this time;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the total loss suffered by this company since 1988:

(c) the causes of these continuous losses; and

(d) the short-term and long-term measures proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a). There is not such company as the "Indian Chemical Industries Ltd.". However, the intention of Hon'ble M.P. appears to refer to I.C.I. India Ltd. Whose abridged profit and Loss account for the years ended 31.3.1990 showed

a loss after tax of Rs. 12,18,87,000. For the year 1990-91, the company made a profit after tax of Rs. 20,66,67,000 which includes the profit of Rs. 15.90 crores from the sale of one of its buildings at Bombay.

(b) The company has intimated that since 1988, loss was incurred only in the accounting year 1989-90.

(c): The company has intimated the following reasons for losses during 1989-90:

(i) Poor quality of power supply in Panki resulting in loss in production and sale of urea.

(ii) Abnormal start-up expenses incurred in connection with the expansion of their Fibres plant at Thane.

(iii) Low Volume Fibres sales resulting in under recovery of expenses.

(d) As per the Annual Report (1990-91), the company proposes to effect cost economies, productivity improvements and efficient deployment of assets and resources.

[English]

#### **Setting Up Of Special Township with Japanese Assistance**

6604. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up special townships in India with Japanese assistance to promote flow of foreign investment and technology into India.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have