

Industrial Policy) with full repatriation benefits.

- (ii) NRIs and OCBs could also invest upto 100% equity with full repatriation benefits in industries reserved for small scale sector and any other industry not reserved for public sector.

A scheme of India Development Bonds denominated in US Dollars and Pound Sterling with maturity period of 5 years has also been launched. Investment in these Bonds are exempt from Wealth Tax, Gifts of Bonds are exempt for Gift tax and interest earned is free from Income Tax. Investors are not required to disclose the source and nature of funds invested.

(b) to (f). The revised policy for direct investment on repatriation basis by NRIs has been announced on 28th October, 1991. RBI is in the process of working at the modalities for putting the scheme into operation.

The scheme of India Development Bonds has evoked encouraging response. Final figures of collection will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Permission to Government of Andhra Pradesh to Issue Road Bonds

310. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government for grant of permission to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to issue road bonds for financing road development in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which permission is likely to be granted to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Proposal to bring Industry Under purview of CAG

311 SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring the Banking Industry under the purview of CAG of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The question of bringing the audit of public sector banks within the purview of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C & A.G.) has been examined in the recent past. It was found that the existing system of audit and internal inspections/control in public sector banks is working smoothly. Further, in view of the commercial nature of the operations of public sector banks, there is need to ensure a proper mix to autonomy and accountability. The Government do not consider it necessary, therefore, to entrust the audit of public sector banks to C & A. G.

Night landing facilities at Visakhapatnam Airport

312. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy has any plans to extended the runway as well as to provide night landing facilities at Visakhapatnam airport to enable the Airbus to become operational to meet the passenger-traffic demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There are plans to re-orient/extend the secondary runway at the Visakhapatnam Airport, subject to the availability of land for the purpose from the Visakhapatnam Port Trust. In the meantime, action has been initiated to provide night landing facilities on the existing runway.

Procurement of Raw Jute by JCI

313. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are

aware that jute growers have been compelled to sell their production below the minimum support price this year due to non-intervention by the Jute Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-intervention by the JCI;

(c) the quantum of raw jute purchased by the JCI in the current jute season till date against the total production State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to stem the prices of raw jute at reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Jute growers have not been compelled to sell their produce below minimum support prices due to timely market intervention of JCI whenever prices of raw jute touched minimum support levels as per report.

(c) and (d). Government have taken necessary steps to ensure that price operations by JCI are not hampered due to paucity of funds and are keeping a day to day vigil over raw jute price scenario. State-wise pronouncement of raw jute and mesta upto 14th November 1991 against their estimated production are given below.

(in bales)

<i>Name of State</i>	<i>Pronouncement by JCI</i>	<i>Estimated production</i>
West Bengal	172657	55,00,000
Bihar	69227	10,50,000
Assam	42290	10,50,000,
Meghalaya	472	65,000
Orissa	2222	4,00,000
Andhra Pradesh	1444	6,00,000
Tripura	833	85,000
Uttar Pradesh	22	1,00,000
Other States	—	1,50,000
Total	289167	90,00,000