

fruits including oranges and Kinnu by providing various support measures.

(d) and (e) Proposals for establishment of waxing plant in Ganganagar will be considered when received.

Incentives to NRIs

3469. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :
SHRI CHETAN CHAUHAN :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment expected to be made during 1998 by the Non-Resident Indians in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the salient features of the incentives being given to NRIs for investment in the country;

(c) whether the incentives/concessions given to NRIs in the past produced good result; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith reaction of the NRIs thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) During the calendar year 1998, upto 30.4.98, NRI investment worth about Rs. 29655.90 lakhs, including NRI investment of about Rs. 260.60 Lakhs for Gujarat, has been approved by the Government. The actual investment to be made during 1998 would, however, depend on the response of NRIs to the investment opportunities.

(b) to (d) Government constantly reviews the policy relating to NRI investments to make it competitive and provide adequate incentives and facilities to NRIs. With this end in view, the Government has taken a number of steps to boost NRI investment. In certain selected sectors, 100% NRI equity is permissible with full repatriation benefits.

As a result of these measures, the investment from NRIs/OCBs has increased from about Rs. 1970.00 lakhs in 1991 to about Rs. 181717.90 lakhs in 1997.

[Translation]

Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana

3470. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the number of applications of loan under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana are pending in District Industry Centre, Kanpur;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing loans to these unemployed youths so far;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for proper implementation of the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Sponsoring of applications to banks after screening by the Task Forces is an ongoing activity of the District Industry Centres under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. Out of 1486 applications received in District Industry Centres Kanpur (both Nagar & Dehat), 1030 fresh applications have been screened during the current year. 456 applications are pending with District Industry Centre Kanpur (Nagar) for screening as on 30.6.98, as reported by the State Government.

(b) The pending applications are scheduled to be screened by the end of July, 1998 for sponsoring to the banks. Banks shall thereafter undertake their own scrutiny.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The scheme is monitored at the district, State and the Central Government levels. The State Governments has reported that the implementation of the scheme in Kanpur is proceeding as per schedule.

[English]

Import of Soyabean

3471. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to import soyabean;

(b) if so, the names of countries from which it is likely to be imported; and

(c) the quantity proposed to be imported and the import price of each country, separately?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (c) The Government have decided to allow the import of one million tonnes of soyabean by oilmeal exporting units either in split form or the beans are to be split at the port of entry under supervision of Plant Quarantine Authorities. The countries from which the soyabean would be imported would depend upon availability and prices prevailing in the international markets.

[Translation]

Export of Minerals

3472. SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :