

Foreign Tours by CM

2477. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount including foreign exchange spent for the purpose of visit by the Chief Ministers of different States during the period 1980-97, State-wise; and

(b) the main objectives of these foreign tours by the Chief Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank help to Allahabad Bank

2478. SHRI D.S. AHIRE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Allahabad Bank has signed a contract for financial assistance from the World Bank under the bank's modernisation, institutional programmes and installation of 14 ATMs in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the loan taken by the said bank from the World Bank during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE & INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARATHANAN) : (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that it is one of the participating banks under the Modernisation and Institutional Development Loan (MIDL) Programme of the World Bank. The loan amount for Allahabad Bank under the above programme, inter-alia, entails procurement of 16 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) of which 2 have already been installed.

(c) The total loan taken so far by Allahabad Bank under the above programme is US \$ 0.80 million. Year-wise break-up of the loan is as under:-

Year	Loan amount
1996-97	US \$ 0.40 million
1997-98	US \$ 0.40 million

[Translation]

Living Standard of Coal Workers

2479. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for improving the living standard of labourers working in coal mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) and (b) For improving the standard of living of labourers working in various Coalfields, CIL and its subsidiaries have formulated a number of schemes. Besides the various statutory welfare activities provided to the coal workers, following facilities are being extended to the employees and their families since nationalisation.

(i) Housing Scheme : The total number of houses available at present is 3,95,942 with 64.08% housing satisfaction.

(ii) Water Supply : As against, only 2.27 lakhs population having access to potable water at the time of nationalisation, today 23.30 lakhs population have been covered under water supply scheme.

(iii) Medical Facilities : There are 86 Hospitals with 5846 beds, 434 dispensaries, 690 ambulances, 1778 Doctors including specialists in CIL and its subsidiaries to provide medical services to the employees.

(iv) Educational Facilities : There are 1346 Educational Institutions in CIL & its subsidiaries functioning as against 287 at the time of nationalisation.

(v) Banking Facilities : Employees of CIL and its subsidiaries draw their salaries through 244 Banks and Extension Counters.

(vi) Tree Plantation : To keep environment free from pollution and improvement in ecological conditions, the CIL have been undertaking the work of development of Green Belts every year. During the year 1997-98 the tree plantation was 78 lakhs.

Assistance to Gujarat by IDBI

2480. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the IDBI from entrepreneurs of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned out of these during the aforesaid period; and

(c) the unit-wise details of the financial assistance provided by the IDBI during the said period, year-wise?

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