

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) :** BEL has taken possession of land for construction of factory buildings. Action has been initiated to take up the construction works.

**Gross National Product during 1982-83**

2316. SHRI UTTAM RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of gross national product during the year 1982-83 would be lower as compared to that of the last three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the remedy therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :**

(a) and (b). It is anticipated that GNP in 1982-83 may increase by 2 per cent as compared with increase of 5.2 per cent in 1981-82, increase of 8 per cent in 1980-81 and a decline of 4.8 per cent in 1979-80. The lower rate of growth in GNP compared with the previous two years mainly reflects the effects of a severe drought. A detailed account of economic developments in 1982-83 and measures taken by Government can be seen in the Economic Survey, 1982-83. In the Budget for 1983-84, plan expenditure has been substantially increased and steps have been taken to stimulate saving, investment, and production.

12.00 hrs.

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT**

**MR. SPEAKER:** I have to inform the House that I have received the following message dated the 2nd March, 1983, from the President:—

“I have received with great satisfaction the expression of thanks by the Members of the Lok Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 18th February, 1983.”

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श्री जयपाल सिंह कश्यप (आंवला): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने काम रोकने प्रस्ताव दिया है। (व्यवधान) एक आठ साल के बच्चे का पेट का आप्रेशन...

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आप नोटिस दे दीजिए।

(व्यवधान)

श्री जयपाल सिंह कश्यप: इस से बड़ी घटना क्या हो सकती है? आठ साल के बच्चे के पेट का आप्रेशन...

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: नहीं, नहीं। बाजपेयी जी।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (नई दिल्ली): अध्यक्ष महोदय, कल आपके कमरे में यह तय हुआ था कि जब हम फिर मिलेंगे तो असम के बारे में चर्चा करेंगे। मेरा एक सुभाव है कि चीफ इलेक्शन कमिश्नर ने गृह मंत्री और कानून मंत्री को असम के चुनाव के बारे में जो पत्र लिखा है और जो 14 फरवरी के मतदान के बाद लिखा गया है, उसके बारे में आप उनसे कहें कि वे वह पत्र सब के सदस्यों को उपलब्ध कराएं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मैं आप से किसमें नहीं कर सकता।