

ST amongst the above and their percentages are indicated below:

Group	1988				1989			
	SC	%	ST	%	SC	%	ST	%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	—	—	—	—	1	5.0	—	—
B	10	7.9	1	0.8	19	21.3	1	1.1
C	23	11.0	—	—	59	19.6	—	—
D	2	15.4	—	—	18	9.1	—	—
(Excluding Sanitary Personnel)								
Sanitary Personnel								
	—	—	—	—	19	100	—	—

(c) There will be no recruitment for Groups 'C' and 'D' posts in the next one year, except in Mankapur unit and in exceptional cases in other units due to surplus manpower available in the organisation who are to be redeployed. Recruitments to entry level of officers under Group 'R' and to certain Higher level grades in Group 'A' will be made depending upon vacancies and actual requirements in the different units.

[English]

Equipment for Extraction of Palm Oil

7362. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crushing machines/equipment for the extraction of palm oil from palm fibre are imported or these are available indigenously;

(b) the names of indigenous manufactures and foreign suppliers of the equipment;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study to estimate the requirements of crushing equipment over the next five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Palm Oil crushing/pressing equipments are at present imported from European countries mainly from Netherlands. These are not manufactured indigenously at present. However, Regional Research Laboratory, Trivandrum has fabricated a small hydraulic press of capacity 0.7 tonnes fresh fruit bunches per hour, but cannot be used for large scale extraction.

(b) M/s Pressweld Engineers, Bombay are the manufacturers of small hydraulic presses. The main foreign manufacturers of digester and screw press for extraction of palm oil are Usine De Wecker, Luxembourg and Stock Amsterdam, Netherland, Equipments like three phase decanter and driers are manufactured by M/s Alfa Lavel, Sweden and Westfalia, Germany.

(c) and (d). Oil Palm India Limited, has made study to estimate the requirements of crushing equipment for the next five years. Departments of Biotechnology have also started studies to set up factories. Andaman and Nicobar Plantation Development Corporation have also taken action to set up palm oil extraction unit.

Computerisation of Consulates/Embassies

7363. SHRI M M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to computerize all the Consulates/Embassies abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Government propose to use computers in Indian Missions and Posts abroad in a selective and phased manner in fields where such applications could increase efficiency. Consular, administrative, commercial and information work are, *inter alia*. appropriate areas for computerisation.

(c) Computers have been installed in a few Missions on a case-by-case basis.

Systems analyses are being initiated to work out details in a comprehensive manner.

Financial Assistance for Development of Kakinada Port

7364. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the amount of financial assistance proposed to be provided by Union Government for the development of Kakinada port during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of 60.2 million for the development of Kakinada Port to be made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh through Government of India. After the formal agreement in this regard is signed between ADB and the Government of India, Government of India will make available the loan to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in accordance with the procedures and formula existing for making available such loans to State Governments. As this loan would be in the nature of re-imburement, the quantum of financial assistance would depend on the amount spent by the State Government.

Electronic Telephone Exchange in Gangtok

7365. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any demand of electronic exchange for improvement of Telecommunication system in Sikkim, if so, the plans in this respect; and

(b) whether there is a plan/proposal to