

- (4) Biogenex, Dublin.
- (5) Cambridge Bioscience, Cambridge.
- (6) Chiron, Emeryville.
- (7) Diagnostics Specialitees, Metuchen.
- (8) Genencor, South San Francisco.
- (9) Elanco Products, Indianapolis.
- (10) Pan Lab International, Bellevue.
- (11) Pharmacia, La Jolla.
- (12) Pro-Cons Labs, Buffalo and
- (13) Idetek, San Bruno.

(c) and (d). Industry representatives individually visited Biotechnology Companies of their own choice after the San Francisco Meeting. Some of them have received return visits from some U. S. Biotechnology Companies subsequently. Considering the nascent stage of Biotechnology Companies worldwide, it is expected that such visits/contacts would be useful for the development of Indian Biotech industry in the long run. The Government of India's role was limited to bringing together the prospective Indian and U.S. entrepreneurs. It is for the industry to further negotiate and finalise any collaborative ventures. In addition, there is a continuing exercise of the Department of Biotechnology to bring together educational and R & D institutions with industry for product/process development, improvement etc.

[Translation]

Per Capita Income of Bihar

4084. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita income in Bihar is less than that of other States; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various geophysical factors like difficult terrain conditions, proneness of large areas to flood and droughts, and economic factors like inadequate water management and drainage, farm investment, infrastructure facilities, power development, etc. may be said to be responsible for low productivity and low per-capita income in Bihar. The steps contemplated to increase per capita income are, increased investments/outlays for the development of infrastructure, agriculture, rural development, irrigation, industries, education, health, employment, and better utilisation of invested capital, during the Plan period.

[English]

Transfer of Central Schemes to Punjab

4085. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Punjab were transferred to the Government of Punjab in 1989-90 annual plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the considerations that weighed in favour of the transfer;

(c) whether all the modalities in this regard were considered; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.