

(c) and (d) Average growth rate of imports in rupee value has been about 16.4% in the last five years, and growth rate of GNP at "Current Prices" was 13.8%. Import policy is designed to avoid unnecessary imports, while at the same time ensuring that production and investment in the economy are supported.

Upgradation of Posts of Stenographers

3772. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUP-
TA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 10 March, 1989 to Unstarred Question No. 2227 regarding applicability of ban orders in posts of Stenographers and state:

(a) whether any instruction has been issued by his Ministry for creation/upgradation of those posts of Stenographers, which were required to be created/upgraded simultaneously with the posts of officers, but have not yet been created/upgraded:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) In reply given on 10-3-89 to the Unstarred Question No. 2227 it was clarified that no separate relaxation of the ban orders is required for the posts of stenographers that may be found necessary to be created/upgraded consequent on Cadre Review, if the details of such posts are simultaneously indicated for approval of Cabinet. These instructions have been reiterated in the Guidelines for Creation of Posts issued on June 5, 1990. These guidelines, inter alia, stipulate that whenever posts are suggested for upgradation as part of a Cadre Review, the implications by way of requirement of additional personal and supporting staff as per prescribed norms should also be set out as part of total Cadre Review proposal.

Financial Assistance to Mizoram

3773. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistance of Rs. 90.50 crores given to Mizoram is quite inadequate;

(b) whether the State Government are facing financial crisis and are unable to raise the Funds to meet its requirement;

(c) if so, whether Union Government propose to extend more financial assistance to Mizoram; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b) The annual Plan outlay of Rs. 125 crores for 1990-91 for Mizoram is fully funded with Central Assistance of Rs. 90.58 crores and State's own resources of Rs. 34.42 crores including Rs. 23.48 crores of additional resource mobilisation. The Central assistance of Rs. 90.58 crores allocated for 1990-91 is 8% higher than that for 1989-90. However, the State Govt. have expressed difficulty in raising additional resources of Rs. 23.48 crores and have requested for additional Central assistance.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

[Translation]

Facilities Provided for Sportsmen in Banks

3774. SHRI ASHOK ANAND-
RAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided to sportsmen to encourage sports in the banks; and

(b) the number of sportsmen recruited in banks during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) There

exists a scheme for recruitment of outstanding sports persons in public sector banks. Government have also recently issued guidelines to banks providing for out of turn promotions to outstanding sports persons, subject to certain norms.

(b) The information about the number of sportsmen recruited in banks during the last three years is not readily available.

[English]

Functioning of New Studio of Doordarshan at Asiad Village Complex

3775. SHRI LOKANATH CHOU-DHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when was the New Studio of Doordarshan at Asiad Village Complex, New Delhi commissioned;

(b) if so, whether it has started functioning properly;

(c) the total investment on the various types of equipment, computers and Air Conditioners etc;

(d) whether the computerised equipments are working properly and efficiently and whether those manning these equipments have the necessary training; and

(e) the arrangements made for proper upkeep and maintenance of the equipments?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The Central Production Centre of Doordarshan at the Asiad Village Complex in New Delhi was commissioned into service on February 6, 1989.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3154.64 lakhs was spent as on 31st July, 1990 towards the capital cost of the equipment installed at the Centre.

(d) and (e) The Centre is manned by qualified staff and the equipment is functioning properly. An adequate stock of spares and ancillary equipment has been provided at the Centre for effective upkeep and maintenance of the basic equipment.

Turnover of MITCO

3776. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total turnover of MITCO in mica business with foreign countries during the last year along with the names of those countries;

(b) whether any country has expressed dissatisfaction over any of such deals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) The total export turnover of MITCO during 1989-90 was Rs. 31.29 crores. Exports were made to Czechoslovakia, GDR, Poland, Romania, USSR, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, DPRK, Egypt, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, U.K. USA, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

(b) and (c) M/s. COGEBI of Belgium complained in 1988-89 regarding their dispute with MITCO to the Government for supply of mica scrap at pre-revised prices. The dispute has since been resolved through discussions between MITCO and M/s. COGEBI and the latter have placed further orders on MITCO for supply of mica scrap.