

Bengal received by Government from the Chief Minister of West Bengal ;

(b) in how many cases action has been taken by Government ; and

(c) in how many cases action has not been taken and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Various references have been received from time to time from the Chief Minister of West Bengal regarding rehabilitation of sick units in West Bengal by different Departments of the Government of India, and it would not be possible to specify the exact number of such letters.

(b) and (c). Government have taken action in these cases, having regard to various alternatives for final disposition of these units including nationalisation in accordance with the present policy.

[*Translation*]

Separate Authority for Preservation of Himalayan Art and Culture

*69. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal for creating a separate authority for the protection of art and culture and preservation of antiques of Himalayan region ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the other steps being taken by Government to protect the heritage of this region ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) and (b). The Government have no proposal at present.

(c) The Department is however,

aware of the special needs of the Himalayan region. Special programmes have been undertaken by the Institutions under the Department, as a part of their activities for protection of heritage. These are :

- (i) Documentation of various forms of performing arts of the region;
- (ii) Organisation of training programme for performing arts ;
- (iii) Preservation of folk musical instruments and others artefacts of this region in the museums ;
- (iv) Grant of financial assistance to various voluntary organisations engaged in promotion of these activities ;
- (v) Preservation and conservation of monuments/paintings.
- (vi) Collection of Manuscripts.
- (vii) Documentation of murals, and
- (viii) Publication of literature.

[*English*]

Study by U.S. State Department Indicating India's Instability in the Event of Smt. Indira Gandhi's Death

*70. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report that the U.S. State Department had ordered a study to find out how unstable, India would become if Smt. Indira Gandhi were to die suddenly ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ;

(c) whether the copies/manuscript of this report were made available to