

advised that while preparing district credit plans, the credit requirements of under-banked pockets should also be kept in view.

### Urban Poverty

\*206. SHRIMATI MBIRA KUMAR :  
SHRI MANIK REDDY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a considerable rise in urban poverty;

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) whether any special schemes are being launched to eradicate urban poverty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is given below.

### Statement

The Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) was launched on 1st September, 1986 for providing self-employment opportunities to the urban poor. The programme covers cities/towns with population exceeding 10,000 as per 1981 census, which are not covered under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Persons whose total family income is not more than Rs. 600 per month are eligible for assistance, not exceeding Rs. 5,000 with capital subsidy of 25 per cent to undertake viable economic activities. Loans under the programme carry interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and have to be repaid in 33 monthly instalments after an initial grace period of 3 months. During the current financial year (i.e., 1986-87) one beneficiary for every three hundred population (1981 census) is to be assisted in the Centres covered under the programme for which a provision of Rs. 37 crores has been made towards the subsidy component of the loan extended to the individual borrowers.

### Italian Bank Aid for Joint Venture Projects

207. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :  
SHRI S.M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals are being worked out with some Italian Banks to finance joint venture projects;

(b) if so, whether any final agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) the names of small scale industries that will be covered under the agreement and to what extent the Italian Government will be providing finance to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government for financing joint venture projects by Italian Banks.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

### [Translation]

### Utilisation of Plan Funds by States

\*208. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government periodically review the position regarding the utilisation of the amount sanctioned as plan outlay to the States;

(b) if so, what is the position regarding Bihar; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up any machinery in consultation with the State Governments to see that States fully utilise the amount sanctioned to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The Planning Com-