

Indian Institutes of Information Technology

1736. SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Indian Institutes for Information Technology in different parts of the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such Institutes proposed in Maharashtra and the type of courses proposed to be offered at the Institutes;

(c) whether discussions in this regard are underway with the various State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (d). Under the policy on Computer Software Exports, Software Development and Training (1986), Four Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IITs) were proposed to be set up at Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Delhi, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Pune (Maharashtra). Initial groundwork towards setting up the IITs has been done. In view of the large investments involved and the need to provide well defined directions in the establishment of the IITs, Department of Electronics had invited views from a cross-section of academics and those engaged in the areas of implementation and application of Informatics and related disciplines, regarding objectives, scope, logistics and administration of these institutions. Their views have been received. In order to develop a convergent perspective on these aspects, Department of Electronics held a Workshop where different facets relating to the setting up of the Institutes were discussed. The recommendations are being further exam-

ined. The main objective of setting up IITs is to develop expertise and manpower in the emerging area of Informatics and its wide spectrum of applications.

The courses proposed to be conducted at these Centres are of an inter-disciplinary nature i.e. relating to the use of information technology in various sectors.

The matter has been discussed with Government of Orissa who have shown interest in the programme and are willing to participate in it and to provide the necessary facilities. Discussions with other State Governments will be held after approval of the Scheme.

Financing of Public Sector Plans

1737. SHRI NATHU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) the pattern of financing the Public Sector plan outlays during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans;

(b) whether Government are depending more on borrowings and deficit to finance the plan outlays;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government are evolving any strategy in the Eighth Five Year Plan for reducing dependence on those sources of finance; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) A statement is given below.

(b) The share of market borrowings and deficit financing in total plan outlays was 25.1 per cent in Sixth Plan and was at 24.8