

strategy on conservation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A draft on national Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development has been prepared. The main objectives of this Policy Statement include:

- Promotion of sustainable development;
- Sustainable and equitable use of natural resources;
- Protection of the fragile and sensitive eco-systems; and
- Conservation of biological diversity.

#### **Exemption of Normal Equity Restrictions Under FERA to Multinational**

448. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some multinationals had been exempted from the normal equity restrictions under FERA on certain conditions concerning exports, technological growth and indigenisation, and if so, the details of such multinationals and the conditions stipulated in each case;

(b) the details of the companies against whom Government have taken action for violation of the stipulated conditions; and

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint a high level committee to review the working of the companies who had been given relaxation from equity norms?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIDIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). It does not arise.

#### **IBM Operations in India**

449. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US multinational IBM had to discontinue operations in India in 1978 because of its refusal to agree to FERA norms on equity;

(b) whether IBM has been allowed to start operations in India again and if so, under what conditions; and

(c) the Indian Groups or Corporations with whom IBM has entered into agreements recently, alongwith the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). The IBM World Trade Corporation chose to close operations in India rather than conform to FERA norms. Foreign companies are allowed to operate in India subject to the prevalent investment policy. At present, there is no proposal before Government from IBM for any collaboration in India.

[*Translation*]

#### **CBI Enquiry Against Higher Officers**

450. SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Steel and Mines

and the names of their Managing Directors and higher officers against whom departmental or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) enquiries are being conducted; and

(b) the number of cases in which CBI has since submitted its report and the details of the action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Export of Sugar

451. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to export a large quantity of sugar during the current year;

(b) if so, the quantity of sugar proposed to be exported during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the countries to which it will be exported;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom; and

(e) to what extent India is self-sufficient in sugar production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b). It is proposed to export 2 lakh MT of sugar during the current year 1990-91. It is too early to indicate likely exports during 1991-92.

(c) and (d). Exports are likely to be to

countries offering the best prices/terms. It is expected that approximately Rs. 120 crores of foreign exchange will be earned from the export of two lakh MT during the current year.

(e) As against estimated internal consumption of approximately 107 lakh MT during the current season, the estimated sugar production for the current season is approximately 110 lakh MT.

[Translation]

#### World Bank Assistance for Social Forestry Programme in Uttar Pradesh

452. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Social Forestry Programme financed by the World Bank is being launched in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent thereon so far;

(c) whether the State Government has requested the Union Government for continuance of this programme in the next few years also; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The National Social Forestry Project (NSFP), which is assisted by the world Bank and USAID, is being implemented in the four States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. The project was approved for being implemented for a period of five years from 1985-86.

(b) The expenditure in the U.P. sub-