

as the dates on which the contracts were made, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 95.]

**Shri Osa:** May I know whether it will not be possible to issue global tenders, because of the new conditions in which these loans are now tied up by the U.S.A. Government?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** That question may better be addressed to the Finance Ministry. I am not aware of the terms of the D.L.F. loans.

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### सूरत की बाढ़ में सेना की सहायता

११११. { श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री :  
श्री बाजपेयी :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सूरत में बाढ़ के समय सेना की सहायता भी ली गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहाँ कितने सैनिक भेजे गये थे ; और

(ग) सेना द्वारा दी गई सहायता के काल्पनिक किस हद तक बाढ़ पीड़ितों को आवश्यक सहायता मिल सकी ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण जेजल) :

(क) जी, हां। इन बाढ़ों में नौसेना तथा वायु सेना ने भी सहायता कार्य किया था।

(ख) १२१ सैनिक।

(ग) सैनिकों ने ६ घावमियों, १५ स्त्रियों और २१ बच्चों को बचाया, जो पानी से बिर गये थे। उन्होंने पानी से बिरे लोगों को खाने-पीने का सामान भी पहुंचाया।

#### Admission into Technical Colleges

\*332. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preference is given to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students for admission to technical colleges;

(b) what is the nature of the preference and reservation; and

(c) whether it is with the approval of the Central Government and whether it is uniform in all institutions?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (c). Most of the technical institutions offer preferential treatment to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students in the matter of admissions by way of reservation of seats upto 20 per cent and relaxation of upper age limits and qualifying marks. These concessions were recommended by the Central Government but they are not uniform and vary from institution to institution.

#### Korba Coal Fields

\*333. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the project report from the Soviet experts for the development of Korba Coal fields;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the same; and

(c) when action is likely to be initiated on the project report?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) The Project Report for the Manikpur Quarry has been received by the National Coal Development Corporation.

(b) and (c). The report is under the consideration of the National Coal Development Corporation, on the completion of which necessary further action will be taken on the report.