

(b) 38973 number of monetary rewards were paid to the officers/staff of the Customs Department during the financial year 1990-91. Several officers have received such payments more than once. The statistics is not maintained calendar year wise.

Disbursement of Foreign Loans to States

7820. SHRI KODAKANI GOWDANA SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Governments have represented to the Union Government at recently held Planning Commission Meetings regarding the method of disbursement of foreign aid to states received from foreign countries and agencies like World Bank;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether undue amount of foreign aid is kept by the Central Government itself, without releasing it to States, even though it is earmarked for a particular State Government project and such funds are diverted by Centre for some of its own projects;

(d) is so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps being taken to release the full amount of foreign assistance to the concerned States in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWARTHAKUR): (a) and (b). 100% foreign aid is released to the States in the social sector projects and projects aimed at poverty alleviation. For projects in other sectors, 70% of aid received is transferred to the States. States have been requesting

for 100% transfer in all the externally assisted projects.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. The question of central transfer of foreign aid to States has been under constant review since 1976, when for the first time, a decision was taken to transfer 25% of external assistance to states.

Security Printing Presses and Mints

7821. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details and location of existing security printing presses and mints in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): There are two security printing presses and four mints in the country; as under:

PRESSES

1. India Security Press, Nashik Road.
2. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad.

MINTS

1. India Government Mint, Bombay.
2. India Government Mint, Alipore, Calcutta.
3. India Government Mint, Hyderabad.
4. India Government Mint, NOIDA.

Funds for Expansion of Major Ports

7822. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: