

1	2	3	4
7.	Sabada	Jalgaon	470.79
8.	Bhagur	Nasik	263.50
9.	Sonepeth	Parbhani	169.57
10.	Paranbdha	Osmanbad	286.28
11.	Biloli	Nanded	272.65
12.	Hadgaon	Nanded	332.77
13.	Bhoom	Osmanbad	357.49
14.	Naldurga	Osmanbad	208.84
15.	Saoner	Nagpur	467.88
16.	Mukhed	Nanded	714.18
17.	Deoli	Wardha	190.42
18.	Khapa	Nagpur	65.85
Total			6297.70

Implementation of Packages

6143. SHRI GULAM MOHD. MIR MAGANI :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which packages have been announced by the Union Government for the development and progress of J&K and the details thereof;

(b) the expenditure incurred and the sources through which the said amount has been mobilised, Package-wise;

(c) whether there has been delay in implementation of various projects included in the packages announced for the Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the steps being taken for implementation of projects within a target time;

(e) whether there is any proposal to include the Handicraft/Carpet Exporters of Jammu and Kashmir State in the economic package to the State by way of waiver/Interest Relaxation for Pre-Shipment Export Loans for the turmoil period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. In order to accelerate the development process in Jammu & Kashmir, the Prime Minister had announced in both Houses of Parliament on 23.7.96 and 2.8.96 to take up some important projects and also to complete on-going projects on priority. The status of these measures are:-

Projects

- (i) Construction of 290 Kms. Railway Line from Udhampur to Baramulla as a national project likely to be completed in seven years at a cost of Rs. 2500 crore. Rs. 20 crore was provided in 1996-97 mainly for land acquisition. The foundation stone for construction of line at Udhampur was laid by the Prime Minister on 15.3.1997.
- (ii) Construction of Mughal Road as a dependable alternative link between Jammu & Kashmir. The State Government is to undertake the construction of the project and detailed estimates are being prepared. The cost of the project is to be equally shared by the Central and State Government. The work is expected to be completed in 9th Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crore.
- (iii) Completion of Dulhasti and Uri Hydro Projects in the State to provide much needed relief to the power starved state. The first unit of the Uri was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister on 13.2.1997. Work on other units is underway likely to be completed by the end of May, 1997. Initially some civil construction work on Dulhasti was resumed departmentally by NHPC. The contract for balance civil work has been awarded on 3.3.1997.

In addition, the following measures were also announced to revive economic activities in the State:-

Debt relief to small businesses affected by militancy

With a view to provide immediate succour and relief to the people engaged in trades like tourism, small scale industries, transport and trade etc. who were worst affected due to militancy during the last 6 to 7 years, a scheme has been approved to write off the outstanding loans and interest of all borrowers whose original borrowing is less

than or upto Rs. 50,000/- so as to enable them to seek fresh loans from banking sector to restart their business. For borrowers above Rs. 50,000/- an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted to suggest various relief which could be given to them.

Special Central Plan Assistance to J&K state for 1996-97

The Plan outlay for 1996-97 was subsequently raised to Rs. 1250 crore and was fully funded by the Centre. Special Central Plan assistance of Rs. 663 crores and Special Plan Loan of Rs. 100 crore was provided in 1996-97 so as to bridge non-plan gap.

Infrastructural development for tourism in Leh district

An amount of Rs. 2.40 crores is being allocated for setting up of Convention/Conference Centre in Leh to give further fillip to tourism in the area. Department of Tourism is engaging an expert agency to undertake a feasibility study.

Development of airport at Kargil

High priority is being given to the development of Kargil Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores. During the past winter, the Government introduced a weekly helicopter service to Kargil instead of the earlier arrangements of a fortnightly service. Necessary subsidy would be borne by the Government.

During the current year, an amount of Rs. 199 crores for Uri Hydel Project, Rs. 450 crores for Dulhasti Project, Rs. 75 crores for Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line and Rs. 8 crore for construction of Mughal Road has been provided by Central Government for expeditious implementation of these ongoing projects. Follow-up action taken on the implementation of the economic package announced by the Prime Minister in Parliament in July/August, 1996 is being monitored on regular basis to ensure that there is no delay in implementation of these projects.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Employment in Agriculture Sector

6144. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the growth rate of employment in the field of agriculture has declined since 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to increase the growth rate of employment in the above sector?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As per National Sample Surveys (NSS), the Accelerated Growth Rate of Employment in agriculture sector rose from 0.94 in 1983-88 to 1.88

during 1988-94.

(c) The Government is taking multidimensional course of action to further improve the growth rate of employment in agriculture sector by improvement in infrastructured facilities, skill improvement programmes, optimising the use land resources and employment schemes like Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Development of women & children in Rural Area (DW CRA), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) etc.

Expandable Housing Scheme

6145. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to grant 15 per cent rebate on total cost in case allottees make 100 per cent payment under Expandable Housing Scheme, 1996 in Dwarka Sub-City; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The DDA has reported that as per terms and conditions for allotment of Expandable Housing Scheme, 1996, the discount as indicated below will be given to those allottees who make 100% payment before taking possession :

S. No.	Locality	Discount
1.	Narela	15% on disposal price
2.	Rohini	- do -
3.	Kondli Gharoli	- do -
4.	Dwarka	5% on disposal price

The discount of 15% was given in respect of Rohini, Narela and Kondli Gharoli flats, as these areas are less popular as compared to Dwarka Sub-city.

At present there is no proposal under consideration to grant 15% rebate/discount on disposal cost of flats in Dwarka Sub-city.

ONGC Exploration

6146. SHRI LALIT ORAON :

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Purnea, Arariya and Kishanganj in Bihar are bordering areas of Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has expressed strong possibility in its survey about the availability of reserve of Oil and Natural Gas in these area;

(c) whether ONGC propose to drill in Purnea, Arariya and Kishanganj; and