

14 crore rupees had also been allotted for the first year in this regard;

(b) whether the State Government had utilised the allotted amount;

(c) whether the remaining amount was made available during the succeeding years under the said scheme and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the State Government has demanded an additional amount of 11 crore rupees under this scheme for generation of power from solar energy in 800 villages of Ganganagar, Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Barmer and for other programmes; and

(e) whether Government propose to allot the said amount immediately?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Border Area Development Programme was taken up as a part of Special Areas Programme in the 7th Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 200 crores. A provision of Rs. 40 crores was made in 86-87. Schemes costing Rs. 14.14 crores in respect of Rajasthan were sanctioned during 86-87.

(b) to (e). In November, 1986, it was decided to reorient the Programme so as to confine it to the education sector only. Out of the total 7th Plan allocation of Rs. 200 crores, Rs. 150 crores were transferred to Ministry of Human Resource Development with effect from the financial year 1987-88.

[English]

Ban on Recruitment in Punjab

2835. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ban has been imposed on

recruitment of clerical and technical services in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to lift this ban; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Expenditure on Foreign Tours of Prime Minister

2836. SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred for conducting foreign tour programmes of the Prime Minister during December, 1989 to February, 1990 and December 1988 to February, 1989; and

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred for the security arrangements at home for the Prime Minister during December 1989 to February 1990 and December 1988 to February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The expenditure incurred for conducting foreign tour programmes of the Prime Minister during December, 1988 to February 1989 was Rs. 1,65,96,762/- approximately. The Prime Minister used an IAF plane for his tour to Pakistan and usual TA/DA was paid to the Officers during foreign tours as admissible under the Rules. The Prime Minister did not undertake any tour abroad during December, 1989 to February, 1990.

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