

[Translation]

### Earthquake in Maharashtra

467. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISING PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether tremor or earthquake was felt at Latur District of Maharashtra on June 24 1994;

(b) if so, the intensity recorded thereof;

(c) the loss of life and property suffered due to the earthquake;

(d) whether any geological study has been conducted in view of the frequent earthquakes experienced last year and this year in the State ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An earthquake of 4.2 Magnitude on the Richter scale occurred at 03 hours 33 min. IST on June 24, 1994.

(c) According to the Collector, Latur, no loss of life and property has occurred in Latur district due to this earthquake. There is no report of loss from elsewhere also.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Various Central Government agencies like Geological Survey

of India, India Meteorological Department, Survey of India, National Geo-physical Research Institute, National Remote Sensing Agency are conducting investigations in the wake of the earthquake activity experienced in the region.

The investigations include surface geological mapping study of sub-surface structures by different geophysical methods and monitoring of micro-earth-quake activity.

(f) Does not arise, Sir.

[English]

### Gross Capital Formation

468. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the low level of gross capital formation in agriculture sector;

(b) the steps taken to improve the gross capital formation in agricultural sector through public and private investment: and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c). Capital formation in Agriculture & Allied Sector was Rs. 13338 crores in 1991-92. During the Eighth Plan, a significant shift in investment is proposed in favour of thrust areas like horticulture, fisheries, rainfed farming, creation of infrastructure for minor irrigation, post harvest management etc. under Agriculture & Allied sector. Capital formation in this sector has increased to Rs. 15633 crores in 1992-93.