

### Per capita income in Punjab

2401. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether per capita income in Punjab has gone down during the last three years and if so, at what rate, and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps Union Government propose to take to help Punjab to regain the lost position and to promote development works ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir. The per capita income of Punjab state has in fact increased during the three years i. e. 1981-82 to 1983-84. Estimates for 1984-85 are yet to be worked out. There is however no actual house to house survey.

(b) The outlay for the Seventh Plan of Punjab State has been agreed at Rs.3285 crores which is higher by 67.86 per cent than that of the Sixth Plan. The Seventh Plan of the State includes the Thein Dam project with an outlay of Rs. 500 crores. A Railway Coach Manufacturing Factory is also being put up in the State under the Central Sector.

### Indo-Pak economic co-operation

2402. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Pak discussions were held in November, 1985 to increase economic co-operation between the two countries;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir. Discussions on increasing economic cooperation between India and Pakistan

took place during the visit of Dr. Mahbubul Haq, Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Coordination of Pakistan, to India from November 14-16.

(b) and (c). Amongst the subjects discussed were economic cooperation and bilateral trade, particularly in the private sector. It was agreed to further pursue these matters at meetings between the two sides planned in the near future.

### Refreshers course for all officers

2403. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has stressed the need to give refresher course to all cadres of officers so that they could bring better results to their endeavours;

(b) whether the courses will be designed as to keep the people and their welfare in their view;

(c) whether it is also a fact that very often officers who acquire special training are posted in such places where they have no opportunity for the application of their experience; and

(d) if so, how this is going to be controlled ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). In his broadcast to the Nation on the 5th January, 1985, the Prime Minister had called for the creation of new administrative culture for the service of the masses and restructuring of the training of civil servants of all categories to develop competence and commitment to the basic values of our society. Further, in the course of a review meeting taken by him in January 1985, the Prime Minister had directed this Ministry to arrange for refresher courses for officers of the Indian Administrative Service and advise Ministries/Departments concerned with other Group A Services to do likewise,