

The bank has advised that the police is reported to have arrested 3 of the suspected assailants.

Agreements between Indian and US Companies for Upgrading the Quality of Indian Rock Phosphate

7489. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreements were signed recently between Indian and U.S. Companies for upgrading the quality of Indian rock phosphate, manufacture of compressed air dryers and purchase of technology by an Indian Company;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement reached;

(c) to what extent the production of computer tapes, floppy discs and video-audio tapes were undertaken under these agreements; and

(d) whether the agreements reached in February have been implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (d). The information relating to the above is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Backwardness of Bihar

7490. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission proposes to allocate more funds as a special assistance to Bihar in view of its backwardness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Leakage of News Re : Ban on Conversion of Non-Convertible Bonds

7491. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been able to trace the source of leakage of the news of a ban on conversion of non-convertible bonds into equity;

(b) action Government proposed against persons responsible for the leakage; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard against recurrence of such a situation in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) Government is not aware of any leakage of the news of a ban on conversion of Non-convertible Debentures into equity.

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

Central Assistance for Development of Transport Facilities

7492. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government sanction every year grants to various States for specific purpose of development of transport facilities in hill and inaccessible areas;

(b) whether there is any monitoring agency to check if the grants so sanctioned are spent for a specific purpose; and

(c) whether it lies within the discretion of the State Government to utilize the said grants for any areas which are not hilly and inaccessible ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). No Central assistance

is being granted to States for the specific development of transport facilities in hills and inaccessible areas. However, with a view to accelerating the development of designated hill areas in the country, Special Central Assistance (SCA) is being provided to the concerned States. The allocation of this SCA among various sectors, which also includes Transport and Communication sector, is approved by the Planning Commission. Any adjustment in these sectoral allocations requires specific approval of the Planning Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

T.V. Sets in India

7493. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of TV sets in use in India;

(b) how many of them are black and white and how many are in colour; and

(c) the percentage of population estimated to be covered by these TV sets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) The total number of TV sets in use in India is estimated to be 10 million.

(b) 80% of these sets are Black and White and remaining 20% Colour TV sets.

(c) The total population covered by these TV sets is estimated to be 6.6 per cent.

Production of Electronic Telephone Instruments in Private Sector

7494. SHRI V S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand of electronic

telephone instruments and electronic private Automatic Branch Exchange; and

(b) the total number of EPABX instruments manufactured in private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) The current annual demand of Electronic Telephone Instruments is of the order of 10 lakhs and the demand during 1989-90 is expected to be of the order of 30 lakhs. The current annual demand of Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchanges is of the order of 50,000 lines and during 1989-90 it is expected to be of the order of 100,000 lines.

(b) About 2000 lines of EPABXs have been manufactured upto December, 1986 in the private sector.

Officers Booked under Prevention of Corruption Act

7495. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of offenders booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1947 during the year 1986;

(b) how many out of these belonged to Income Tax Department; and

(c) the number of IAS Officers against whom cases were filed under the Prevention of Corruption Act during 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) During the year 1986, 1140 persons were involved in cases registered by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947.

(b) Out of these, 39 belong to Income Tax Department.