(ii) Proposals in respect of the other units of HFC and FCI based on considerations of unitwise viability and tie up of funding arrangements are under formulation.

(iii) MFL has commissioned its substantial expansion & modernisation project designed to extend the productive life of its plants, augment their capacities and improve the consumption norms. The production in the revamped urea plant has been established.

(iv) In continuation of the restructuring of the capital based of PPL, which was given effect to from 31.3.94, the repayment of plan loans and payment of interest due during 1997-98 was deferred by one year. The company has formulated a proposal for further relief by way of capital restructuring. A scheme for overcoming the constraints in capacity utilisation of its Sulphuric Acid Plants has also been drawn up.

(v) Substantial relief were provided to PPCL by restructuring its capital base with effect from 31.3:95. The company has formulated a scheme for further relief by way of capital restructuring. A scheme for conversion of the Pyrites based Sulphuric Acid plant to Sulphur has also been draw up with a view to improving its economic viability.

(vi) Within the constraints of budgetary resources, Government has been providing support to the loss making fertilizer PSUs to enable them to meet their working capital requirements and critical capital expenditure. During the last two years, the budgetary support extended to these undertakings has been as follows :-

(Rs./Crore)

	1996-97	1997-98
HFC	152.34	184.34
FCI	316.00	318.15
PPL	-	15.00
PPCL	04.00	06.00
MFL	57.30	

Cheating with Tourist

5942. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Another foreign tourist taken for a ride" appearing in the *Indian Express* dated June 27,1998;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A German lady, Ms. H. Hahn, on her arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi on 4th June, 1998 is alleged to have been cheated/harassed at the bank and taxi counters within the terminal building and later at a hotel in Connaught Place. However, she left Delhi on 27th June, 1998 without making any complaint to the police about her alleged or deal. The incident was reported in the newspaper on the same day and, therefore, the complaint could not be contacted.

The records of the Punjab National Bank counter at the airport were checked but these did not indicate any transaction made by Ms. Hahn at the bank. Delhi Police have, however, requested the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Airport Director to take suitable action against Nitin Transport. They have also issued a show cause notice to the proprietor of Bright Hotel regarding alleged cheating of Ms. Hann.

(c) The measures taken to eliminate the touting menace at Indira Gandhi International Airport include the deployment of police personnel at vulnerable points especially during peak hours, constant vigil at the pre-paid taxi booth; and rigorous checking of the taxis carrying the passengers to their destination. In addition, Delhi Police arrest 943 "touts" and impouded 428 vehicles during the current year upto the 15th July, 1998.

Engineering Department of Chandigarh

5943. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the irregularities and cases of corruption in the engineering department of Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure free, fast and impartial investigation and trial of the case; and

(d) the measures being contemplated to avoid such scams in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d) Pursuant to raids conducted by the Income-Tax Department in November, 1997 on 21 premises including premises of some of the officials of the Engineering Department of