

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State/U.T.'s</i>	<i>Total Allocation</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
31.	Lakshadweep	3.03
32.	Pondicherry	38.62
TOTAL		53895.60*

* This does not include Rs. 4192 lakhs in the budget given to the National Wastelands Development Board, which are earmarked for funding project proposals received from the States under specific Schemes and for meeting the establishment and office expenses of the Board.

Employment to Family Member of an Employee Seeking Premature Retirement

1043. SHRIPRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any priority is accorded in employment to any member of the family of an employee seeking pre-mature retirement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir, However, in exceptional cases when a Department is satisfied that the condition of the family is indigent and is in great distress, the benefit of compassionate appointment can be extended to a son/daughter/near relative of a Government servant retired on medical grounds under Rule 38 of Central Civil Services (Pensions) Rules, 1972, or corresponding provisions in the Central Civil Service Regulations before attaining the age of 55 years. In case of Group 'D' employees whose normal age of superannuation is 60 years, compassionate

appointment can be considered where they are retired on medical grounds before attaining the age of 57 years.

Central Investment in Punjab

1044. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central investment in Punjab during the Seventh Five Year Plan with sectoral break-up;

(b) the per capita central investment in Punjab in all the Five Year Plans compared to the per capita central investment in other States; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the Eighth Five Year Plan for development of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b). The Central Plan investment is made for the country as a whole keeping national priorities in view. These programmes/projects in