

require intimation for acceptance of gifts if the value thereof does not exceed the prescribed limits.

#### **Cases of Scandals Referred to CBI**

2537. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of scandals which surfaced during the last three years;

(b) the particulars of the cases which were referred to CBI for investigations;

(c) the progress made by the CBI each in case, so far;

(d) whether Government have fixed a time frame for completion of these enquiries; and

(e) the reasons for delay or hurdles coming in the enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM):

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the CBI, a total of 187 cases, concerning 11 (eleven) major scandals, were registered by it during the years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 (upto 31.5.98) for investigation. Details of these cases alongwith their present status is at statement, (see below).

(d) It is not possible to indicate any fixed time frame for disposal of the pending cases. All possible efforts are, however, being made by the CBI to complete the investigation of the cases expeditiously. Thereafter, the cases would be dealt with as per the laws of the country.

(e) Owing to extensive field investigations, during which a large number of documents are to be collected and scrutinised and the geographical spread of investigation etc., sometimes delay is inevitable.

Sl. No	Name of Scandal	No. of cases registered	Disposal of investigation			Pending investigation.
			cases charge sheeted	Referred for RDA	Closure Otherwise disposed of through such action as deemed fit.	
1.	Ayurvedic Scam	1	1	—	—	—
2.	AHD Scam	52	22	—	1	29
3.	Bitumen Scam	53	—	—	3	50
4.	Cremation Shed Scam 19	—	1	—	—	18
5.	C.R.B. Scam	1	1	—	—	—
6.	Housing Scam	20	6	6	—	8
7.	Indian Bank Scam	18	—	—	—	18
8.	JMM Bribery Scam	5	5	—	—	—
9.	NFL Urea Scam	1	1	—	—	—
10.	Petrol Pump Allotment 15 Scam	—	—	—	—	15
11.	Telecom Scam	2	2	—	—	—
TOTAL:		187	39	6	4	138