

पहले ही निपटारा जा चुके हैं। बाकी मामले विचारण के विभिन्न स्तरों पर लम्बित हैं।

(ग) कर्मचारी निरीक्षण एकक ने, केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण के बारे में अपनी अंतिम रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है। यह रिपोर्ट आदेशात्मक है।

(घ) कुछ पदों के अभ्यर्षण तथा कुछ पदों के सृजन संबंधी कर्मचारी निरीक्षण एकक की सिफारिश पर वित्त मंत्रालय के साथ परामर्श करके विचार किया जा रहा है। उक्त मंत्रालय का अनुमोदन प्राप्त होने पर कुछ पदों को समाप्त करने तथा नये पदों के सृजन से संबंधित औपचारिक आदेश जारी किए जाएंगे।

Social development work by industry

*171. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO
SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had in September last called upon the industry representatives to take up social development work and to finalise plans by October, 1995 so as to help filter the benefits of Liberalisation down to the bottom;

(b) if so, what response has been given by the industry; and

(c) what progress has been made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Government has, from time to time, emphasised the social responsibility of industry particularly in meetings in the recent past. In one such informal meeting on 1st August, 1995 which was part of the ongoing dialogue with industry, the Prime Minister had stressed upon the industrialists the need for industry's commitment to the development of social infrastructure so as to have an impact on the quality of life of the people and the villagers in the hinter land. Industry, which has been discharging some social

responsibility, has begun to show increased awareness and there is indication of greater involvement of industry in the social sector.

Development of Cities in Uttar Pradesh

*172. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Uttar Pradesh, which have been selected for development;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government in that direction so far; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R. K. DHAWAN): (a) and (b) The development of cities/towns falls within the purview of the State Governments. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (TDSMT), 11 towns have been allocated to Uttar Pradesh for 1995-97 and an amount of Rs. 3.10 crores indicated to the State Government for release as Central assistance (grant) during 1995-96. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has not sent any proposal for release of Central grant under the Scheme. The State Government has been requested to expedite proposals.

(c) Does not arise.

Rural Extension Centre of Electronics Research and Development

*173. SHRI V. RAJESWAR
RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA
JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Extension Centre of the Electronics Research and

Development Centre is living upto its objectives;

(b) if so, what are its achievements till date;

(c) whether more such Centres will be opened; and

(d) the details of the capital and recurring expenditure on this Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) The Rural Extension Centre of the Electronics Research and Development Centre (ER&DC), Thiruvananthapuram has started functioning in rural environment since may, 1995. The objective of the Centre is to provide opportunity for field testing of rural technology packages developed in ER&DC. It also envisages providing computer training to the rural youth and exposure to technology to the rural population. Training on Computer operation and familiarisation with the key board is being conducted for the rural youth. Computer based educational and training programmes for the schools in the rural areas are being developed currently with the participation of teachers of the middle schools in the rural areas.

(c) At present, there is no proposal of setting up more such Centres.

(d) There is no major capital or recurring expenditure of ER&DC. Thiruvnanthapuram involved in this Centre, at present.

Privatisation of Railway Services

***174. SHRIMATI VEENA
VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A.
PARMAR:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with a view to improving efficiency and easing cash crunch, Government propose to take privatisation of new services, including franchising of freight terminals, confining itself to meeting only the primary demand of freight and passenger traffic;

(b) if so, what are the details of the related plans; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALAMDI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the diminishing budgetary support to Railways, it has been decided to divert certain off-line activities to private sector, which would help foster competition, thereby increasing efficiency, and also ease the resource crunch. Areas identified for private participation include maintenance of telecom facilities, catering services and hotels, maintenance of stations and cloak rooms, franchising of freight terminals, running of tourist trains on identified circuits. The 'Own Your Wagon' Scheme and the 'Build-Own-Lease-Transfer' scheme have already elicited a good response.

Electronic Fish Finder Developed by ER&DC

***175 SHRI SURINDER KUMAR
SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA
JICHKAR:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electronics Research and Development Centre has developed