

the Reserve Bank of India from time to time. As the interest cost is only one component of the total cost, the credit restraint measure by itself, would not have any significant impact on the overall cost of production of textile products. It is the view of the Government that the credit curbs will not have any adverse impact on the textile industry.

Withholding of 20 per cent equity of Government in Public Sector Undertaking

1213. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withhold 20 per cent of Government's equity holding in select Public Sector Undertaking in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) As announced in the Budget Speech 1991-92, in order to raise resources, encourage wider public participation and promote greater accountability, upto 20 per cent of government equity in selected public sector undertakings would be offered to mutual funds and investment institutions in the public sector, as also to workers in these firms.

Containing of Malaria in the Capital

1214. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mosquito breeding has increased manifold in the capital which might result in spread of malaria;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Malaria Inspectors were suspended by municipal authorities of the capital for excessive mosquito breeding in their respective areas;

(c) if so, what are the details hereof; and

(d) what preventive action Government have taken to stop malaria in and around the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) According to the information received from Delhi Administration, there is only seasonal increase in mosquito breeding. However, there is no increase in the malaria cases;

(b) Yes.

(c) Two Assistant Malaria Inspectors and two Malaria Inspectors from West Zone and two Assistant Malaria Inspectors and one Malaria Inspector from Civil Line Zone were placed under suspension.

(d) The following measures are being taken for control of mosquito and malaria in the Capital:—

(i) Anti larval measures are being done in the urban areas, semi-urban areas and urbanised village with the help of larvicides to check mosquito breeding.

(ii) Anti adult mosquito measures:

(a) Three rounds of BHC spray in the rural areas and riverline belt areas.

(b) Focal spray is being carried out with the help of prothrum spray in and around malaria positive cases.

Surveillance operation is carried out through Malaria Fever Treatment Depots and Malaria Clinics to detect and treating of positive cases of malaria.

Health Education is imparted to the general public with the help of hand bills, posters and mass media.