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duty of Foreign Travel Scheme and adopt other mechanism to curtail the use of Foreign Travel Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY **FINANCE** (SHRI OF RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Unauthorised sale of Foreign Exchange attracts punishment under law law. Abolition of Foreign Exchange Conservation (Travel) Tax on travel under Foreign Travel Scheme to obviate illegal sale of foreign exchange by NRIs and tourists is not feasible, mainly due to the reasons that this will be discriminatory to persons undertaking travel for various other purposes coming under the purview of Foreign Exchange Conservation (Travel) Tax.

(b) No such proposal under consideration.

Foreign loan lying unutilised

1248. SHRI KRISHAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that loan worths 12 billion is lying unutilised in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) what are the details of the projects for which these loans were negotiated; and
- (d) what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

List of on-going Project

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY **FINANCE** OF RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) At the end of June'91, the total undisbursed balance under the World Bank line of assistance was 12.158 billion US dollars.

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The undisbursed balance appears large in aggregate terms but is dependent on the time profile of various projects. Apart from gestation period of externally aided projects, delayed utilisation arises from factors whoiich inter alia include exchange rate fluctuations, inadequate counterpart funding by State Government, tardy land acquisition procedures and other project specific issues. Such problems sometimes lead to a delay in utilisation of World Bank assistance which is taken care of through extension/restructuring of projects.

- (c) A list of on-going projects with Bank assistance is enclosed.
- (d) Implementation delays are addressed through strengthening the counterpart resource support, close monitoring by Ministries with special emphasis on timely procurement action by project authorities and simplification of procedures in respect of released of foreign exchange, tender evaluation etc. In addition projects are being extensively monitored at different levels including the State Governments.

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SI. No.	Nam'! of the project	Original Loan Amount	Undrawn balance IBRD/IDA
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	West Bengal Social Forestry	33.7	1.985
2	Himalayan Watershed Management	30.2	9.310
3.	Watershed Development in Rainfod Areas	38.4	29.134

259 Written Answers [RAJYASABHA]	to Questio is	260
(1) (2)	(3)	(4)
4. Kir.vitaka Social Forestry	33.4	8.385
5. Ksrala Social Forestry	39.9	14.196
6. NAEP-1	50.36	30.193
7. NEAP-1I	65.57	29.684
8. National Social Forestry	217.08	77.731
9. National Agricultural Research-II	90.80	64.574
10. NEAP-III	93.5	69.645
11. National Water Management	114.0	105.160
12. National Dairy-II	358.1	269.948
13. National Sseds-111	141-7	160.024
14. A.P. Cyclone	210.0	40.30
15. National S:riculture	148.5	164.661
16. N.P. Major Irrigation	254.7	50.278
17. Haryana Irrigation-11	181.3	29.851
18. U.P. TubswslIs-II	119.5	0.441
19. Maharasthra Water Utilisation	38.6	2.249
20. Pariyar Vaigai	43.4	13.355
21. Uppar Ganga Irrigation Modernisation	153 3	95.500
22. Gujarat Medium Irrigation-II	214.0	88.161
23. Narmada River Water Delivuy and Drainage	195.0	147.358
24. West Bsngal Minor Irrigation	131.8	115.543
25. Maharasthra Composite Irrigation-Ill	214.2	187.515
26. A.P. Irrigation-II	165.3	469.872
27. Bihar Public Tub:wells	77.6	70.127
28. Uppar Krishna Phase-11	330.0	298.759
29. Punjab Irrigation and Drainage	168.6	181.271
30. M.P. Fertilizer	184.6	19.759
31. Mah?.rasthra Petrochemicals	300.0	6.168
32. Cement Industry	165.0	90.165
33. IXth Telcommunications	193.0	35.406
34. Export Devslopment	120.0	91.743
35. Ehetromes Industry Di'wlopment	2 30.C	7.499
36. Industrial Technology Development	202.7	180.783
37. Ramagundam Th:rmal Power-11	280.0	9.613

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(1	(2)		(3)	(4)
38.	Korba Thermal Power-II		424.8	21.225
39.	Upper Indravati Hydro-power		359.9	193.656
40.	Central Power Trasmission		250.7	132.323
41.	Nhava Sheva Port		250.0	20.805
42.	Dudhichua Coal		109.0	19.632
43.	Cambay Basin Petrokum		213.5	37.703
44.	Indra Sarover		44.4	47.833
45.	Railway Electrification		279.2	297.2
46.	Farakka II Thermal		309.8	26.409
47.	Trombay Thermal IV		135.4	135.4
48.	Jharia Coking Coal		57.7	5.657
49.	National Highway		200.0	135.558
50.	Chandrapur Thermal Power		300.0	125.558
51.	Rihand Power		250.0	59.148
52.	Kerala Power		176.00	138.601
53.	Combined Cycle Power		485.0	38.565
54.	Coal Mining & Coal Quality Ir	mprovement	340.0	122.373
55.	National Capital Power		485.0	299.315
56.	Talcher Thermal power		375.0	327.298
57.	Western Gas Development		283.0	29.815
58.	Railway Modernisation III		390.0	263.558
59.	Karnataka Power II		260.0	233.287
60.	U.P. Power		350.0	302.952
61.	States Road		251.1	231.605
62.	Natpha Jharria		485.0	448.286
63.	Maharasthra Power		400.0	376.651
64.	Gujarat Water Supply & Sewer	rage	83.2	27.586
65.	Calcutta Urban Development		177.8	84.529
66.	M.P. Urban Development		24.1	6.431
67.	Tamil Nadu Water Supply and	Sanitation	92.1	56.535
68.	Bombay Urban Development		179.6	111.834
69.	Kerala Water Supply and Sanit	ation	65.7	40.463
70.	Gujarat Urban Development		76.3	48.186

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(1) (2)	(3)	(4)
71. IIIrd Bombay Supph Sswsrage	137.6	156.659
72. U.P. Urban Devlopment	158.7	122.719
73. Madras Wafer Supply & Sanitation	69.31	146.788
74. TamI Nadu Urban Development	282.4	231.386
75. Hydeabad Water Supply & Sanitation	79.9	94.704
76. IIIrd Population	86,5	2.256
77. IVth Pooulation	67.2	27.171
78. Vth Population	53.5	19.429
79. Vlth Population	125.1	114.210
80. Vocaional Training	276.8	264.423
81. Technician Education-I	260.0	263.265
82. Tarn 1 Nadu Nutrition	95.8	98.120
83. Integrated Water-shed Development (Hills)	13.00 80.602	13.00 80.602
84. Inlegrated Watershed Development (Plains')	60.452	57.456
85.N.C.D.C.II.	280.473	91.280
86. Tamil Nadu Agri. D velopment	92.800	92.8C0
87.Central Power	502.700	132.323
88. Northern Region Transmission project	485.00	462.753
89.Oil Indian Petroleum	140.00	68.141
90. II.Perochemical	12.00	11.00
91. Indian Expor; Engg.	90.00	12.628
92. Gujarat Riral Reads	131.289	101.753
93. Sardar Sarovar project	200.00	200.00
94.Punjab Irrigation	166.271	154.427 *
95. Internatioml Child Services Development	104.541	98.808
96. Private Power Utility	98.00	9S.0O
97.IFFCO	118.200	25.885

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