

plan and non-plan assistance have been extended to the public enterprises from time to time. Details of plan and non-plan assistance are indicated at Statement No. 9 and 14 respectively of the Expenditure Budget Vol. I (which is a part of Budget document) for the corresponding years. Performance in terms of profit/loss of the Central Public Sector Enterprises including those receiving assistance are available at Statement No. 6 of Public Enterprises Survey Report Vol. I for the corresponding years, which is a published document.

Opening up of print media to foreign equity

71. SHRISURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's are going to open up the print media to foreign equity; and
- (b) if not, Government's stand on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Government continues to be guided by the Cabinet decision of 1955, which *inter-alia* prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers/periodicals in the country and Indian editions of foreign news-papers/periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

World Development Report

72. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government have studied the World Bank Report titled "World Development Report 2002: Building Institution for Markets" released on 11th September, 2001 pleading strongly *inter-alia* for private media and open information flows; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken to ensure the right of information to the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Personnel & Training has informed that with a view to making the Government more transparent and accountable to the public, Government had introduced the 'Freedom of Information Bill, 2000' in the Lok