

World Bank assistance for expansion of Electronic Industry

780. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME -MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recently sanctioned \$ 450 million loan to expand the electronics industry, and

(b) if so, the details of the Plan and of the recipients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) The World Bank has agreed to extend a loan of \$101 million (equivalent approximately Rs. 165 crores) to Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) and Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) each to assist them in financing investment projects through sub-loan to investment enterprises. The loan would be administered by IDBI and ICICI respectively and would be used to finance investment projects of the electronics industry. There is also a manpower development and training component. The loan agreement has been signed recently. IDBI and ICICI would be extending financial assistance in terms of this agreement to the industry.

DNA Finger Printing used for determining the parenthood of a child

781.. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the controversy regarding DNA Finger Printing used for determining the parenthood of disputed child:

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to offset the spurious consequence of the abuse of this practice?

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(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology have submitted a proposal to the Government for setting up an independent and professionally efficient agency.

Holding up of space Testing Equipment by the USA

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VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA
VIKAL:
SHRI CHATURANAN
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SHRI GURUDAS DAS
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(p.) whether it is a fact that space testing equipment approved for sale to India by the U.S. Commerce Department, called SHAKE and BAKE, is being held up in the U.S.A. because of opposition from the Pentagon;