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26.	Uttar Pradesh	3247.91	4422.00	12693.33
27.	Uttarakhand	369.19	830.00	1010.69
28.	West Bengal	1336.00	11606.65	12397.45
TOTAL:		20824.56	67441.62	117787.22

Sovereign guarantee to private sector companies

3403. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Government's policy of giving sovereign guarantee to private sector company;

(b) whether any private company which has defaulted loans from Government financial institutions be granted such sovereign guarantee; and

(c) whether companies that had defaulted the loans taken from financial institutions were granted such sovereign guarantee by Government in the past and under what criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) and (b) As per the extant Government of India policy, sovereign guarantees are not extended to private sector company.

(c) No, Sir.

Impact of strike calls on prices of commodities

3404. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has assessed the impact of strike by truck operators and public sector petroleum companies officers on the price rise of commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) to (c) It is difficult to assess the impact of the strike by truck operators and public sector petroleum companies officers on the price rise of commodities as prices are determined by several factors affecting their demand and supply. However, overall inflation, which had been declining consistently since mid-September, 2008, increased by 13 basis points and inflation in food index increased by 33 basis points in the week of the strike (January 10, 2009 over January 3, 2009).