

(b) 6-1-84. The issues involved are under consideration in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

(c) It is likely to take some more time before the final view can be taken.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Artificial rains

2511. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme prepared by the Indian meteorologists on artificial rains is under Government's consideration and if so, what decision has been taken thereon ; and

(b) what incentives are being given to the meteorologists for encouraging them in the direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Efforts at artificial rain making by Indian Meteorologists have been a continuous process and are continuing especially at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune. All necessary encouragement and facilities are provided within available resources for the purpose.

2512. [Transferred to the 18th December, 1985.]

Employment opportunities

2513. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had stated while addressing the National Development Council meeting, recently that the employment opportunities would be increased considerably during the Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, what concrete steps are being planned in this direction; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove ban on recruitment for jobs in Government departments; and public undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The central element in the development strategy of the Seventh Plan is the generation of productive employment. This will be achieved through increase in cropping intensity made possible by increased availability of irrigation facilities, extension of new agricultural technologies to low productivity regions and to small farmers through measures to make the rural development programme more effective in the creation of productive assets, through the expansion of labour intensive construction activities for providing housing, urban amenities, roads and rural infrastructure, through the expansion of primary education and basic health facilities and through changes in the pattern of industrial growth. Besides the sectoral programmes, the package of poverty alleviation programmes aimed at giving self employment and wage employment to the poorer section of the community will continue on a significant scale during the Seventh Plan.

(c) Instructions issued in January, 1984 advising Ministries/Department of the Government of India not to fill up existing vacancies except where recruitment action had been taken, were part of a package of measures aimed at controlling non-plan expenditure and curbing inflation. Present circumstances do not warrant any relaxation of these measures.

The restriction earlier imposed on the creation of posts filling up of Vacancies in the Central Public Enterprises, has since been relaxed, and the public enterprises have been

communicated to this effect. The enterprises have however been advised to create posts only in exceptional circumstances and only after exhausting all the channels of utilising the existing manpower.

Indian Initiatives for International monetary system

2514. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister during the discussion on the world economic situation at the recent Commonwealth Summit in Nassau³ had stressed the need for another Bretton Woods to refashion the international monetary system owing to serious imbalances, and distortions in the world economic order caused by the reappearance of negative trends in the world economy ; and

(b) if so, what initiative, if any, India is taking to strengthen the International Monetary System evolved at Bretton Woods over forty years ago ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) In his statement circulated at the Commonwealth Summit, Prime Minister emphasised that a conscious effort was needed at reshaping the world economic system. In this regard he also referred to the differing perceptions reflected in two recent reports submitted by the Group of Ten (G-10) and the Group of Twenty four (G-24) representing respectively the views of the industrialised countries on the functioning of the international monetary system and of the developing countries on monetary and financial issues. He stressed the need to evolve a consensus on these issues as soon as possible so that concrete steps could be taken to solve the problems.

L.T.C, facilities for pensioners

2515. PROF.C.LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to allow L.T.C, facilities to the Central Government pensioners and their spouses and family pensioners also every fourth year to visit any place in India as is given to the serving employees ; and

(b) if so, from which date this facility is proposed to be made available ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary in Bhubaneswar

2516. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of the Central assistance sought by the Orissa Government to implement schemes for the development of Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary at Bhubaneswar ; and

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for the said purpose during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) The state Government of Orissa submitted a proposal for the development of the Chandaka Sanctuary which envisaged a total cost of Rs. 508.00 lakhs.

(b) No amount has been sanctioned by the Central Government for the Chandaka Sanctuary during 1985-86 as the State Government have not yet reported utilization of the amount of Rs. 8.00 lakhs released during 1984-85.