

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Review Committee on Indian Bureau of Mines made 54 recommendations. Government approved the overall objectives relating to the strengthening of the Bureau, organisational set up, etc., and decide^ that recommendations involving large additional input, may be considered for implementation in a staggered manner, on the basis of plans to be prepared by the Bureau. Many of the recommendations have been implemented and some are under various stages of consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has been referred to the Pay Commission.

D. Increase for employees of public sector undertakings

166. SHRI S.W. DHABE. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of Dearness Allowance payable to the staff and workmen employed in public sector undertakings has been revised by Government recently;

(b) if so, what are the enhanced rates of Dearness Allowance; and

(c) what is the basis for fixing this rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1.4.83 the Industrial D.A. rate has been enhanced from Rs. 1.30 to Rs. 1.65 per point shift in AICPI (Simla Series 1960—100) beyond AICPI—492.

(c) The rate has been arrived at on the basis of the report of the Tripartite DA Committee and Consensus evolved as a result of further consultations of the Government with the representatives of Central Trade Union Organisations.

External assistance received by India,

167. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU.

SHRI M. MADDANNA.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of external assistance received by India during 1984 and upto March 1985 from O.P.E.C. Fund, West Asian and East European countries; and

(b) what are the details of the projects for which the said assistance was received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details of External Assistance received by India during 1984 and upto March, 1985 from OPEC Fund, West Asian and East European countries, and details of projects which received the said assistance.

(a) Assistance received from 1-1-84 to 31-3-85.

Name of Donor country/Agency	Donor Currency (Million)	Rupees (Crores)
1. OPEC Fund for International Development	US \$ 7.413	8.85
2. Saudi Fund for Development (Saudi Arabia)	SAUDI RIYALS 12.706	4.00
3. Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (Kuwait)	KUWAITI DINARS 21.620	84.95
4. U.S.S.R.	ROUBLES 121.660	129.89