

projected investment of Rs.27,231 crore. The revised projections of investment in Electricity, Roads and bridges and Port sector for the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs.6,58,630 crore, Rs.2,78,658 crore and Rs.40,647 crore respectively.

(c) The Eleventh Five Year Plan envisaged an investment of Rs.20,56,150 crore (\$514.04 billion) during the plan period (2007-12). The revised projections indicate an investment of Rs.20,54,205 crore (\$513.55 billion) for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(d) The progress of investment in infrastructure is being monitored closely at various levels, such as the Planning Commission, Ministries / Departments concerned etc.

PPP Investments

2999. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission Deputy Chairman expressed the hope that India would meet \$500-billion target for infrastructure investment in the Eleventh Plan (2007-12) but analysts warn that unless some crucial policy changes happen that could still turn an elusive goal;

(b) whether the sector finds a 40 per cent gap in fund availability.

(c) whether the port sector which has not done well in Public Private Partnership (PPP) investments this fiscal has to be given a push; and

(d) if so, whether the Prime Minister discussed paucity of funds for power sector and port sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) The Eleventh Five Year Plan envisaged an investment of Rs.20,56,150 crore (\$514.04 billion) during the plan period (2007-12). According to preliminary estimates worked out by the Planning Commission, it is expected that an investment of Rs. 20,54,205 crore (\$513.55 billion) would materialize during for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan envisaged that 30 per cent of the funds required for infrastructure development would have to come from the private sector. This target has already been met since contribution of the private sector in the total investment in infrastructure in the first two years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan was 34.32 per cent and 33.73 per cent respectively.

(c) and (d) In the port sector, the investments during the first two years of the Plan has been Rs. 12,090 crore as against the projected investment of Rs.27,231 crore. However, it is expected that

with the revival of the economy and the upbeat investment sentiment prevailing, the performance of the sector in the remaining years of the Plan would be better and Plan targets would be met. The progress of various projects in the port sector is being monitored closely at various levels.

Agreements with US Institutions

3000. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government entered into collaborative agreements with various institutions of us under US-India knowledge initiative;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that several research institutions and universities entered into agreements with their counterparts in US under the agreement;
- (d) if so, the institution-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the fields of research for which they are collaborating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Consequent upon the understanding on cooperation in agriculture during the visit of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the United States and meeting with H.E. President of USA, Mr. George W. Bush in July, 2005, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agreed to work together for a Indo-US Knowledge Initiative on Agricultural Education, Research, Services and Commercial Linkages. The objective of the Initiative is to re-energize Indo-US partnership by promoting teaching, research, service and commercial linkages to address contemporary challenges. It is particularly intended to promote agricultural education, research service and linkages in the areas of (i) Education, learning resources, curriculum development and training; (ii) Food processing and use of by-products and biofuels; (iii) Biotechnology; and (iv) Water management.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Human Genome

3001. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: