

operations in the State during the devastating floods in August-September, 1982; and

(b) what are the details of the assistance rendered by the Army?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Government of Orissa had asked for one Engineer Company, 25 boats and 5,000 tarpaulines from the Army.

(b) Apart from providing the services of 6 Officers, 10 Junior Commissioned Officers and 278 other Ranks, the Army made available to the State Government 39 boats and 1,900 tarpaulines of various sizes. In addition, the Army provided first-aid and medical attention to several affected persons. The Army was also involved in evacuation of marooned persons and ferrying of food and essential articles in the affected areas.

Karakuram Road between China and Pakistan

*25. SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since the opening of Karakuram road for traffic between Pakistan and China the security danger to India has increased;

(b) whether China has constructed feeder roads right upto the Indian border even in the Pakistan-occupied area of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government have strengthened the security of the country in those areas and constructed feeder roads?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Government are fully alive to the strategic implications of the opening of the Karakuram Highway.

(b) Government have seen reports of the link road construction programmes in POK and along India's borders with Pakistan and China. There is, however, no reliable information on Chinese construction of link roads in POK.

(c) Our plans for defence preparedness which are periodically reviewed and updated take into account all developments which impinge on our security.

Development of Chilka lake in Orissa

*26. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action for the development of Chilka lake in Orissa in order to attract more tourists;

(b) if so, what are the developmental works undertaken in and around Chilka lake; and

(c) what is the financial assistance sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Tourism Ministry has already set up a Tourist Bungalow at Rambha (Chilka Lake) at a cost of Rs. 2,25,368 during the Third Five Year Plan and two Annual Plan periods of 1966-67 and 1968-69. In addition, a motor-launch at a cost of Rs. 1,62,308 had also been provided to the State Government for conducting sight-seeing tours in Chilka lake in 1976-77.

The Chilka lake has also been included in the list of Tourist Centres based on joint discussions held by the representatives of the Centre and the State Tourist Department in April, 1981 under the Travel Circuit Concept

for further development in an integrated and phased manner jointly by the Centre, State and the private Sector.

A Central Survey Team was deputed to visit the area which has recommended the introduction of Water Sinking Sports in Chilka Lake. This is being examined in consultation with the State Government. In addition the feasibility of private Sector hotel or hotels coming up on the shores of the lake, not far from Puri is also being studied.

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*27. श्री रामेश्वर सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि गत एक वर्ष से सभी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों ने गरीब बेरोजगारों, शिक्षित बेरोजगारों, कुटीर उद्योगों तथा लघु उद्योग इकाइयों को ऋण देना बन्द कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख). जी, नहीं, हालांकि पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष के अन्तिम छः महीनों के दौरान सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों समेत वाणिज्यिक बैंकों को नकदी प्रारक्षित अनुपात और सांविधिक नकदी अनुपात का अनुपालन करना पड़ा, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप नकदी सम्बन्धी कुछ कठिनाई हुई, पर उन्हें विशेष रूप से यह परामर्श दिया गया था कि वे प्राथमिकता प्राप्त क्षेत्रों के अपेक्षाकृत छोटे ऋणकर्ताओं को दी जाने वाली ऋण सहायता की

रफ्तार को कम न करें। अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा प्राथमिकता प्राप्त क्षेत्रों को दिये गये ऋणों में 1980-81 के दौरान 1774 करोड़ रुपये की वृद्धि की तुलना में 1981-82 के दौरान 2163 करोड़ रुपये की वृद्धि होने का अनुमान है।

(ग) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान, बैंकों की नकदी स्थिति में सुधार करने के लिए उपाय किये गये हैं तथा बैंकों से कहा गया है कि वे प्राथमिकता प्राप्त क्षेत्रों, समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम और कमजोर वर्गों की ऋण आवश्यकताओं को समुचित रूप से पूरा करें।

Revision of DA Formula for the Central Government Employees

*28. SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO DHABE:

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the existing dearness allowance formula in view of the present formula having become outmoded over the years:

(b) whether Government have received any proposals from the organisations of Central Government employees in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.