

chases in the donor countries have proved unhelpful and unhelpful for the economic development of our country,

(b) whether it is a fact that with certain changes effected in the structure of the Bank it will be possible for that Bank to make effective contribution for the independent development of our economy, and

(c) how Government reconcile to our membership in this body which consists primarily of countries who are members of SEATO military pact?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE/वित्त मंत्री (SHRI Y B CHAVAN) (a) and (b) As India is not a borrower from the Asian Development Bank, the development of our economy is not dependent on the Bank's procedures and structure. As far as aid-tying is concerned, all ordinary loans made by the Bank are untied. Soft loans are made out of special contributions received from certain member countries and most of the recent contributions are untied.

(c) The Asian Development Bank was set up following an initiative taken by ECAFE and membership of the Bank is open to all countries who are members of ECAFE and other UN agencies. There is therefore no question of any inconsistency in our membership of the Asian Development Bank. Incidentally the Bank at present has a membership of 36 countries of which only 8 are members of SEATO. It is therefore not correct to say that the Bank consists primarily of countries who are members of SEATO.

CARS OWNED BY URBAN AND RURAL FAMILIES

769 SHRI K S MALLE GOWDA Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT/संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री be pleased to state

(a) the number of cars owned by urban families in India, and

(b) the number of cars owned by rural families in India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT/संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR)

(a) and (b) Such statistics are not maintained by the motor vehicle registering authorities in the States and Union Territories.

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SMALL SAVINGS SCHEME

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SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHAN
DARI
SHRI LAI K ADVANI

Will the Minister of FINANCE/ वित्त मंत्री be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that collection under the Small Savings Scheme touched a new record in the year ending March, 1971,

(b) if so, what was the total amount collected under the Scheme,

(c) what further steps Government propose to take to encourage small savings in the country in view of the favourable response received from the people in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE/वित्त मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Rs 188.36 crores (provisional). Final figures have yet to come in.

(c) The Central Government propose to step up the small savings drive in rural areas, especially those which have benefited from the green revolution, by intensifying publicity. The State Governments are also being requested to intensify their efforts in taking the message of small savings to every genuine saver, whether in urban or rural areas. Need for greater co-ordination between various agencies has also been emphasised.