

REPRESENTATION FROM THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

776. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the physically handicapped persons regarding the payment of income-tax; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI) : (a) Yes, Madam. A representation has been received by the Government from the Society for the Welfare of the Handicapped, Madras, seeking exemption of handicapped persons from income-tax.

(b) The suggestion is under consideration.

DRAWING WATER FROM THE CAUVERY AT VEERANAM

777. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for drawing water from the Cauvery at Veeranam, from the Government of Madras;

(b) if so, whether the proposal is likely to be accepted; and

(c) when it will be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Yes. Preliminary proposal, estimated to cost Rs. 21.30 crores, for drawing 40 million gallons per day water from Veeranam, tank treat the water and to supply to Madras City has been received from the Government of Madras. The proposal is under examination. Detailed investigations, preparation of design data and estimates are yet to be carried out by the State Government. Approval to the scheme will be considered after a detailed project report is received from the State Government.

वित्त मंत्री की ईरान की यात्रा

778. श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनकी हाल की ईरान की यात्रा के

दौरान किन किन मसलों पर ईरान सरकार से बातचीत हुई; और

(ख) उक्त बातचीत के दौरान किन किन मसलों को हल किया गया और उनका व्यौरा क्या है ?

FINANCE MINISTER'S VISIT TO IRAN

778. SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the issues discussed with the Government of Iran during his recent tour of that country; and

(b) the issues settled during the said discussion and the details thereof?]

उपप्रधान मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी आर० देसाई) : (क) और (ख) ईरान की यात्रा सद्भावना यात्रा थी जिसका उद्देश्य यह था कि दोनों देश आपसी समस्याओं को ज्यादा अच्छी तरह से समझने लगे और मित्रता के मौजूदा सम्बन्धों को और मजबूत बनाया जाय। ईरान के शाह, वहाँ के प्रधान मंत्री, वित्त मंत्री और दूसरे वरिष्ठ मंत्रियों से मेरी जो बातचीत हुई, उसमें सामान्यतः दोनों देशों के आपसी हितों के सम्बन्ध में विचार-विमर्श किया गया। इस विचार विमर्श और ईरान सरकार के अधिकारियों तथा हमारे शिष्ट मंडल के सरकारी सदस्यों के बीच हुई बातचीत का यह नतीजा निकला कि दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार बढ़ाने और औद्योगिक तथा आर्थिक सहयोग का विकास करने की काफी संभावनाएँ हैं। बातचीत का यह सिलसिला और आगे जारी रखा जायगा। हमने अनेक क्षेत्रों में ईरान की विशेषज्ञों की आवश्यकता और प्रशिक्षण सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं को भी नोट किया।

†(THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI) • (a) and (b) The tour of Iran was as a good will mission intended to promote better understanding of mutual problems and to strengthen further the existing ties of friendship. In my meetings with the Shah of Iran, the Prime Minister

†[] English translation.