

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The position of funds released to Uttaranchal alongwith the target fixed during the last three years under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is at Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government has fixed a target of 2000 beneficiaries and funds amounting to Rs. 40.70 lakhs have, so far, been released to Uttaranchal under the PMRY during 2004-05.

#### **Statement**

*The details of target fixed and funds released to Uttaranchal during the last three years i.e. 2001-02; 2002-03 and 2003-04 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Target Allocated	Disbursements by banks*	
	Nos.	Nos.	Amount
2001-02	5000	3626	2122.53
2002-03	6000	4664	2864.80
2003-04	6000	3264	2149.21

\*Based on RBI Reports.

#### **Declaration of Asia Co-operation**

\*254. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, China and Pakistan and 18 other countries have agreed to move hand in hand to build a better Asia and have pledged to resolve disputes among them through dialogue to preserve peace and security in the region;

(b) whether declaration of Asia Co-operation adopted at the end of the Asian Co-operation Dialogue in Qingdao, China, recently decided to vigorously develop intra-regional trade, promote investment activity for bilateral and regional economic development and encourage regional trade arrangements; and

(c) if so, to what extent they have started implementing the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The declaration is a statement of intent at this stage. This will come into effect after in depth study by all countries concerned of their technical, commercial and security implications.

**Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly National Waterway system**

\*255. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1606 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 2003 and to state:

(a) the details of infrastructural facilities created as on date on the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly National Waterway system and their location;

(b) the volume and type of river traffic on the National Waterway system; and

(c) the river ports selected for development into major inland Waterway terminals and the infrastructure created at each terminal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details are as under:

- (i) Navigable channel with 2 meter depth on Haldia-Patna stretch and 1.5 meter depth on Patna-Varanasi stretch.
- (ii) Day navigation marks between Haldia and Varanasi.
- (iii) Night navigational aids between Tribeni and Farakka.
- (iv) Floating terminals at Haldia, Kolkata, Karagola, Bhagalpur, Munger, Patna, Chunar, Varanasi and Allahabad.
- (v) Permanent terminals at Haldia, Kolkata, Pakur and Farakka.

(b) The cargo traffic on National Waterway No. 1 during 2003-04 was 159 million-tonne-kms. comprising of cement, general cargo, rice, wooden logs, petroleum oil and lubricant, fly ash, pulses, stone chips, foodgrain, wheat, sugar, salt, dry fish, coal, iron ore, manganese ore etc.