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According to reports by the Finance and Public Credit Secretariat (SHCP), during the first half of 1991 the government eliminated subsidies to 62 of 219 state-run companies which had previously received federal budget funding. In some cases, the subsidies were eliminated because the enterprises will be (or have already been) privatized, and in others because they no longer meet pre-established objectives. Yet others are simply required to be financially independent. Finance Ministry officials say the elimination of these subsidies represents a potential savings of about 3.345 trillion pesos ($1.109 billion). A partial list of parent ministries, companies affected by the subsidy cuts, and annual savings result of subsidy elimination appears below. * Finance Ministry (SHCP): Nacional Financiera (NAFINSA); Irrigation and Seasonal Credit Trust; Trade Development Trust; Agricultural, Industrial and Sugar Industry Housing, and Machinery and Equipment Fund; Agroasemex; Bancen; Sugar Trust; Agricultural Credit Assistance Fund; Special Fund for Agricultural Development. 1.699 trillion pesos ($563 million). * Energy, Mining and State-run Industry Secretariat (SEMIP) Siderurgica Lazaro Cardenas-Las Truchas (in process of privatization); Astilleros Unidos de Guaymas; Mining Development Commission; Industrial Stockholding Trust. 560 billion pesos ($185.7 million). * Public Education Secretariat (SEP) Arts Academy; Vicente Lombardo Toledano Study Center; Publications and Libraries Program; National Latin American Construction Center; National Cinematographic Corporation; Estudios America; Cultural Promotion and Diffusion Fund; Provincial Intermediate and Superior Education Institute; Elementary Education Institute; Canal 11 (educational television station); Technological Research Support Programs; Scientific and Academic Research Programs. 535 billion pesos ($177.4 million). * Agriculture and Water Resources Secretariat (SARH) Azucar; Proformex; Cattle Export Promotion Fund, Colima Lime Fund; National Fruit Farmers Commission; Complejo Papaloapan; Palm Tree Development Trust; Guerrero Coconut Promotion Fund; Nutrientes Mexicanos; Tarahumara Forest Product Company; National Seed Producer. 225 billion pesos ($74.6 million). * Trade and Industrial Development Secretariat (SECOFI) National Cocoa Commission; National Price Commission; National Popular Subsistence Company (CONASUPO) Industries; Processed Milk (Leche Industrializada). 93 billion pesos ($30.8 million). * Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (SCT)- Astilleros Unidos de Veracruz (shipyard); National Roads Commission; National Port Development Fund; Mexican Postal Service. 81 billion pesos ($26.9 million). * Interior Ministry (Gobernacion) Radio and Diffusion Commission; Mexican Television Institute; Department of Political Party Initiatives. 45 billion pesos ($14.9 million). * Federal District Department 15.2 billion ($5 million). * Foreign Ministry: Public Works and Materials Trust for International Relations; Department of the Organization of American States. 11 billion pesos ($3.6 million). * Fisheries Secretariat (SEPESCA) Mexican Fisheries Products (Productos Pesqueros Mexicanos currently in process of privatization). 10 billion pesos ($3.3 million). * Tourism Secretariat (SECTUR) National Tourism Fund. 8.2 billion pesos ($2.7 million). * Urban Development and Ecology Secretariat (SEDUE) Altamira Port Urban Development Fund; Puerto Vallarta Trust. 4 billion pesos ($1.3 million). (Source: El Financiero, 09/09/91)