

the guidelines of SEBI prescribe that a maximum of 80% of the issued capital of a company can be allotted by promoters as per their choice. As the guideline have been issued by SEBI, the main responsibility for changes, if any, in these guidelines vests with it.

[English]

Retired Bank Officers Joining foreign Banks

4787. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of foreign banks has tempted retired high bank officials to join their services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain retired high bank officials had asked for permission to join foreign banks and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that foreign banks don't get access to important and classified information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

H-Tech Aquaculture in fisheries Sector

4788. DR. R MALLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, 'Hi-Tech aquaculture to boost fish exports' appearing in the Economic

Times dated July 15, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure proper training and employment to the fishermen and their families on introduction of hi-tech aquaculture and easy availability of fish to the fishermen in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news report contains inter-alia suggestions on the increase in exports and employment through the introduction of hi-tech aquaculture, besides, indicating certain constraints in the sector. Government has already identified aquaculture as an Extreme Focus item for giving a special thrust for exports. Steps have been initiated to increase the availability of seed and feed as well as for improving post harvest handling of marine products. MPEDA is implementing various programmes to promote aquaculture.

(c) To ensure proper training of farmers and entrepreneurs in this area, MPEDA have already designed and included short term and long term training programmes under its promotional schemes. MPEDA have established six regional centers and two sub-regional centres representing the eight regions covering all the nine maritime States. These centres besides implementing various promotional schemes organise localised short term (5 day) field orientation training Programmes. They have also established an exclusive training complex for importing regular long term training on hatchery and shrimp farming technology. They have also established two commercial hatcheries which are extending training programmes to solve the shortage of technical personnel in the country.

MPEDA have successfully taken up a demonstration project to prove the techno-economic viability for semi intensive shrimp farming under Indian conditions in the State of Andhra Pradesh and an experimental project in Orissa with the financial assistance of the Department of Bio-Technology. It is also planned to set up demonstration centres for transferring the technology of semi intensive shrimp farming in all maritime regions.

**Excise Duty Evasion by Cement Units
In Madhya Pradesh**

4789. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of

Anti-Evasion, Central Excise, New Delhi has unearthed excise duty evasion of several crores of rupees by cement industry in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of such evasion detected from April 1, 1992 to June 30, 1992, collectorate wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMEHSWAR THAKUR): (a) On the basis of advice and guidance provided by the Directorate General of Anti Evasion, a special audit of selected cement units was organised by the jurisdictional Central Excise Collectorates to detect excise duty evasion.

(b) A statement is attached.