

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Backward Areas

2680. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some commercial banks have introduced a welfare scheme for tribals, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the backward areas of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of tribals and other weaker section benefited therefrom so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Bank of Maharashtra, the Convenor Bank for State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for Maharashtra, has reported that the commercial banks in the State have not formulated any specific welfare schemes for tribals, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the backward areas of the State. However, banks in Maharashtra have been participating in the various poverty alleviation programmes which inter alia covers SCs and STs in the backward areas of the State.

Bank of Maharashtra has further reported that bank's performance under such programmes/schemes in providing assistance to SCs and STs in Maharashtra, as furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is given below:

Scheme	Loan sanctioned to SCs/STs during 1995-96 (Provisional)
1	2
	Number
Integrated Rural Development Programme	*83,284

1	2
Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojna	3800
Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises	2209
Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers	3103

* Number of families assisted during 1994-95.

Export of 'Pan'

2681. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that 'Pan' which is produced in Bihar, is very famous and have great potential for export to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are taking any steps to promote the export of 'Pan' to Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). State-wise export figures are not maintained. However, the details of country-wise total quantity and value of 'pan' exported during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (upto January, 1996) which includes exports to Pakistan are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e). While no specific steps to boost the export of 'pan' to Pakistan have been taken, the incentives announced for the agricultural sector and the changes made in the Exim Policy, 1992-97 ensuring easier availability of credit on cheaper terms etc. would apply to boost the export of 'pan'.

STATEMENT

Country-wise total quantity and value of 'pan' exported during 1993-94, 1994-95, and 1995-96 (upto January, 1996)

Q: in KG.

V: in Rs.

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96 (upto January, 1996)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Baharain IS	15	450				
Canada	22583	578261	34330	1031068	37017	1260237
Denmark	77	2190				
Egypt A RP	600	13800				