

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Priyalakshmi Mills with 1742 workers on roll has been lying closed since April, 1975.

(b) An Investigation Committee to go into the affairs of the mill has since been appointed. Any further action in the matter will be taken on receiving the report of the Investigation Committee.

(c) No, Sir.

Advances to Wholesalers by Public Financial Institutions

1814. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA** Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to the advances made by the public financial institutions to the wholesalers in essential commodities like foodgrains, sugar, edible oils and cloth in terms of the total amount, item-wise, and ratio of advances to the total value of stocks; and

(b) whether it is proposed to tighten the credit policy towards wholesale trade in essential commodities to bring down and stabilise prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) The available data on outstanding advances of scheduled commercial bank, against selected commodities are set out in the attached statement

(b) As a measure of selective credit control, suitable revision in margins are made from time to time taking into account the demand for and

supply of the sensitive commodities and the behaviour of prices.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

No. Security	Total Outstanding Advances
1. Paddy and Rice . . .	14.4
2. Wheat . . .	9.2
3. Other Foodgrains . . .	18.0
4. All Foodgrains . . .	41.6
5. Sugar . . .	151.2
6. Groundnut . . .	13.7
7. Rapeseed/Mustard Seed . . .	3.7
8. Linseed . . .	1.2
9. Castor Seed . . .	0.5
10. Groundnut Oil . . .	4.4
11. Rapeseed/Mustard Seed Oil . . .	1.2
12. Castor Oil . . .	6.0
13. Linseed Oil . . .	2.2
14. Vanaspati . . .	4.5
15. Cotton and Kapas . . .	198.2
Of Which	
(A) Indigenous . . .	177.0
(B) Imported . . .	21.2

“भास्कर और जनबोध” के भागीदारों और मालिकों के धर्म पर जाये

1815. श्री नृसिम चन्द्र कडवाय : क्या राजस्व और किंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भोगल, उज्जैन, खालियर और झांसी से प्रकाशित होने वाले दैनिक भास्कर और सहडोल से प्रकाशित होने वाले जनबोध समाचार पत्रों के मालिकों और भागीदारों के घरों में और प्रेस में वर्ष 1973 से मार्च, 1976 तक केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क, सीमा शुल्क, आयकर अधिकारियों, सतर्कता अधिकारियों, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो तथा अन्य केन्द्रीय एजेंसियों द्वारा वर्षवार ईकतनी बार छापे मारे गये; और

(ख) उक्त समाचार पत्रों के मालिकों के विरुद्ध अनियमितताओं के कितने मामले विचाराधीन हैं और कितने मामलों में उन्हें दण्डित किया गया है?

राजत्व और बैंकिंग विभाग के प्रभारी राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रमथ कुमार मुलर्जी):

(क) और (ख) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन-रटल पर रख दी जायगी।

World Bank Loans for Agriculture

1816. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total World Bank loans granted for agricultural purposes during the last three years;

(b) purpose-wise World Bank loans for agricultural development disbursed to each State during the last three years;

(c) total amount of World Bank loans utilised, purpose-wise, for agricultural development by each State during the same period, how far World Bank loans have helped boost agriculture in each State; and

(d) factors responsible for non-utilisation of a part of World Bank loans by some States?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) A total of US \$ 559.10 million have been committed by World Bank and its soft-lending affiliate, International Development Association, for agricultural purposes during the last three years.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-11262/76]. It is not possible to assess quantitatively the impact of World Bank Loan/IDA Credits on agriculture. However, it may be said generally that the Bank Group lending has significantly furthered development of agriculture through development of irrigation facilities, command area development, farm mechanisation, improved seed production, dairying, agricultural education and marketing.

(d) There have been initial delays in implementation of some projects due to time needed to build-up adequate infra-structure necessary for execution of these projects and adaptation to new disciplines relating to provision of credit, exploitation of groundwater, on farm development, etc. Steps are being taken to accelerate the execution of the lagging projects.

Export of Sugar

1817. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar earmarked for export this year; and

(b) the broad outlines of contracts entered into for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) The total exportable surplus of sugar during the current year will be finally decided after a firm assessment.