

(b) A close watch is kept on the price situation by the Government and steps are taken from time to time to prevent abnormal increases in the prices of essential commodities through (i) the augmentation of domestic availability through imports (e.g. edible oils, cotton and artificial fibres) or by placing restrictions on exports (e.g. potatoes, onions and tea), (ii) larger releases from Government stocks (e.g. food-grains and sugar), (iii) reduction of demand by changing compulsory usage regulations (e.g. 90 per cent use of imported oil in vanaspati manufacture and 10 per cent use of artificial fibres in the manufacture of cotton cloth). Government will continue these measures and also strengthen the public distribution system so as to expand the availability of essential commodities to the consumer at reasonable prices.

Reconstituting of Board of Directors of Nationalised Banks

2972. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in reconstituting the Board of Directors of the nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) when the Boards are expected to be reconstituted?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c). The Board of Directors of each of the 14 nationalised banks constituted in accordance with the provisions of clause 3 of the Nationalised Banks (Management & Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme, 1970, on 11th December, 1972 have been functioning. Under the provisions of the Scheme, the non-official Directors including the two employee Directors on the Board of each bank, whose term of office has expired, shall

continue to hold office until their successors have been appointed. The Boards are expected to be reconstituted shortly.

रांची में लाख व्यवसाय के बारे में राज्य व्यापार निगम की नीति

2973. श्री काङ्गिया मुण्डा : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

क्या बिहार स्थित राज्य व्यापार निगम के अधिकारियों को मनमानी नीति के परिणाम-स्वरूप रांची में लाख व्यवसाय को हानि हो रही है ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया) : जी नहीं ।

राज्य व्यापार निगम ने सीड लाख खरीदने के लिए बिहार सरकार अधिकरणों को ऋयादेश किए हैं और साथ ही स्टिक लाख के लिए दी जाने वाली न्यूनतम कीमत की शर्त रख दी है ।

Setting up of an Expert Committee on Development of Tourism

2974. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an expert committee to examine the development of tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). Government propose to set up a committee to recommend to it a national policy on tourism. The terms of reference and the composition of the com-