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New Bank of India	2	1
Allahabad Bank	14	4
Canara Bank	3	—
Punjab National Bank	19	6
Indian Bank	3	—
Central Bank of India	8	—
Indian Overseas Bank	3	—

(c) and (d). Reserve Bank of India have received a request from the Indian Overseas Bank for surrendering one centre Hijla out of the three centres allotted to it, for want of basic infrastructural facilities.

**Excise Duty Evasion by Leading Cigarette Manufacturing Companies**

1534. **SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE** : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some leading cigarette manufacturing companies have been recently found involved in avasion of Central excise duty to the tune of several crores of rupees; and.

(b) if so, the details of these companies, the amount involved and the action taken or proposed to be taken against them ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY)** : (a) and (b). A show cause notice dated 2-3-1985 has been issued to M/s. National Tobacco Company Ltd., Calcutta under the provisons of Central Excise law demanding excise duty of about Rs.4.08 crores alleged to have been avaded by mis-declaration of the sale price of cigarettes.

**Steps taken to Improve Performances of Public Sector Steel Plants**

1535. **SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY** : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the steps Government have taken to improve the performances of public sector steel plants to make them more economically viable and competitive;

(b) the details of the steps taken to bring the technology of steel production at par with other advanced countries of the world;

(c) whether any proposal for importing techonlogy in this sector is being worked out; and.

(d) if so, the detatils thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH)** : (a) and (b) Following steps have been taken to improve performance of Public Sector Steel Plants in the country :

(i) **Increased Production** : Production in the public sector integrated steel plants of SAIL (including IISCO) is planned to