- (a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested a package of measures to contain black money and ensure the country's healthy trade balance;
- (b) if so, whether Government have examined the suggestions made by the Federation;
- (c) if so, to what extent they have been accepted;
- (d) the steps being taken to implement those suggestions; and
- (e) whether Government are convinced that steps suggested would curb the black money growth in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SH3I JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Ministry have not received any suggestions from Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry regarding black money.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Loan to Small Intrepreneurs to Promote Small Industries

3793. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD: Will the minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have made any arrangements to make bank loans speedily and easily available to small entrepreneurs with a view to promoting small industries;
- (b) if so, the number of the loan applications, out of those pending so far with various banks, which have been scrutinised and against which loans has been given; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Reserve Bank of India have been issuing guidelines from time to time to ensure that the loans

and advances to small industrial units including small entrepreneurs are sanctioned speedily and are made easily available. Some of the important instructions are:

- (i) the banks are required to use standardised uniform sets of applications and interview-cum-appraisal forms for all small sector industrial borrowers including small entrepreneurs. These forms are to be made available in the regional languages also. (ii) with a view to facilitating timely sanction of credit facilities, the branch managers should be vested with adequate discretionary powers: 30 that the major portions of the credit decision could be taken at the branch level itself. (iii) All loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000/should be disposed of within a fortnight and those for over Rs. 25,000/- within 8 to 9 weeks from the date of receipt of applications. (iv) while considering the credit proposals, banks have to be guided by the viability of project applicant's skills/experience, integrity and ability to organise an activity or business and not merely by the tangible securities which the borrowers can provide. No worthwhile proposal is to be rejected merely for want of collateral security/guarantee. Where collateral security is obtained, creation of the charge should as tan as possible be by way of equitable mortgage instead of registered mortgage so that the borrowers are not made to bear stamp/ registration costs. (v) The banks should adopt a flexible approach towards margin requirements. Margin money may be permitted to be introduced in stages, as and when required and it should not be insisted that such margin money should be brought in at the beginning of the loan operations.
- (b) and (c). The present data reporting system for the banks does not generate data in the manner asked for.

[English]

Proposal to Start an Office of NHDC in Chirala, Prakasam Distt. A. P.

- 3794. SHRI C. SAMBU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to start an office of the National Handloom Development Corporation at Chirala in

Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh to cater to the needs of handloom weavers like training in handloom technology etc.;

- (b) if so, when the office will be started; and
 - (c) the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

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

Pending Returns in Income Tax Department, Delhi

3795 SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of actual returns and also as per MPR-wise pending as on 1 April, 1985, range-wise in the Income Tax Department, Delhi;
- (b) the total number of returns as per receipt register received, range-wise. in the Income-tax Department, Delhi from 1 April, 1985 to 31st October, 1985;
- (c) the number of assessments completed out of (a) and (b) above, range-wise from April to October, 1985 by Assisstant Commissioners, Income-tax Officers and Inspectors separately;
- (d) the number of actural returns pending as on 1 November, 1985 rangewise; and
- (e) whether Income-tax Department, Delhi is notifying the Inspectors u/s 125 (1) (b) of the Income Tax Act 1961 in all ranges to complete the pending assessments well in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House after the receipt of the same.

Proposal to Make NMDC a Subsidiary of MMTC

3796. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES

be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 619 on 26 April, 1985 regarding proposal to make the National Minerals Development Corporation a subsidiary of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have retreated from the stand and the proposal for such a merger or restructuring move is being considered;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether all the interests and parties concerned are being taken into confidence and consulted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). No such decision has been taken.

(c) Whenever any decision is taken by Government the views of all concerned interests are ascertained.

Cadre-Wise Rationale in 40-Point Roster of SC/ST in MMTC

3797. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. is implementing 40-point Roster in racruitment and promotion of Scheduled Casts/Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, region-wise, cadre-wise particulars containing total number of promotion for general candidates and Scheduled Casts/ Scheduled Tribes for the calender years 1982 to 1984;
- (c) whether backlog still exists for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe posts particulars thereof in respect of each cadre for 1982 to 1984;
- (d) whether any post is Scheduled Casts/Scheduled Tribe quota was allowed to lapse during 1982 to 1984 in cadres of Office Managers, Field Officers and above;

(e) if so, the reason thereof; and