

attention is given to ensure that all legitimate credit requirements for productive purposes are fully met and normal credit norms and discipline are also maintained.

(b) and (c). During the period July, 1969 to November, 1985, banks have opened 43882 branches of which 35471 were opened at rural and semi-urban areas. The average population covered per branch for the country as a whole improved from 65000 (as per 1961 census) to 13000 (as per 1981 census) over the period. The aim of the branch expansion programme for 1982-85 that there should be one bank office for the population of 17000 in rural and semi-urban areas of each district has generally been achieved.

Steps to Improve Performance of Food Corporation of India

2892. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the mounting food subsidy in the country;

(b) whether the public Distribution System has become highly expensive due to increasing overheads;

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve the present system of food management; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the performance of Food Corporation of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) The

increase in food subsidy has been mainly on account of increase in the volume of operations and quantum of buffer stocks besides increases in rail tariff, interest charges payable by FCI on bank borrowing and cost of gunny.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The performance of the FCI is constantly reviewed by the Government with a view to improving operational efficiency.

Participation by TFAI in Foreign Trade Fairs

2893. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the trade fairs and exhibitions—International or otherwise held in foreign countries in which the trade Fair Authority participated during 1985;

(b) the expenditure incurred in each case;

(c) the number of days spent on foreign tour by the Chairman of the Authority during 1985; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred on such tours with break-up on transportation, accommodation, D. A. entertainment grant and local transport ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHR P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) and (b). A Statement I is given below.

(c) and (d). A Statement II showing details is given below.

Statement—I

Details of Fairs/Exhibitions abroad in which Trade Fair Authority of India organised participation during 1985 along with expenditure sanctioned on these Fairs.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No	Name of the Fair/Exhibition	Expenditure Sanctioned	
		Foreign Exchange	Indian Currency
1	2	3	4
1.	Buyers-Sellers-Meet Kuwait, Jan. 5-14, 1985.	10.20	0.93
2.	International Spring Fair, Birmingham (U.K.) February, 3-7, 1985.	17.30	1.83
3.	Leipzig Spring Fair, (GDR), March 10-16, 1985.	9.825	1.40
4.	Cairo International Fair, (RE), March 9-22, 1985.	15.46	2.55
5.	World Import Fair, in Nagoya (Japan), March 21—April 14, 1985.	4.06	1.27
6.	Tripoli International Fair, Tripoli, March 5—25, 1985.	*	*
7.	Hannover International Fair, April 17-24, 1985.	38.22	17.00
8.	Casablanca International Fair, (Morocco) April 25-May 5, 1985.	5.00	1.80
9.	Zimbabwe International Trade Fair, Bulawayo (Zimbabwe), April 27-May 5, 1985.	5.16	2.30
10.	Poznan International Fair, (Poland) June 9-16, 1985.	1.80	0.78
11.	Tehran International Fair, (Iran), September 1-12, 1985.	27.50	10.00
12.	DAGENS HUSHALL—International Consumer Goods Fair Gothenburg (Sweden) September 13-22, 1985.	5.15	1.55
13.	Overseas Import Fair, Berlin (FRG), September, 25-29, 1985.	7.50	1.50
14.	Budapest Autumn International Fair, Hungary, September, 27—October 6, 1985.	3.63	1.61
15.	Bucharest International Fair, (Romania), October, 19-27, 1985.	5.52	1.09
16.	Baghdad International Fair, (Iraq), November, 1-15, 1985.	24.35	5.50

1	2	3	4
17.	ASAPT '85-Asia & Pacific International, Trade Fair, Beijing (China), November, 15-30, 1985.	43.65	10.40
INDIAN EXHIBITIONS :			
1.	Indian Exhibition, Kathmandu (Nepal), April 2-10, 1985.	58.25	15.77
2.	Innian Exhibition, Paris, Dec. 6-15, 1985.	80.00	17.80
SPECIALS COMMODITY FAIRS :			
1.	HEIMTEXTILE—International Trade Fair, Home & Household Textile, Frankfurt (FRG), January, 9-12, 1985.	20.59	0.28
2.	Pret-A-Porter-Feminin, Ladies Ready-to-wear clothing Exhibition & Section Boutique, Paris, (France), February, 9-13, 1985.	18.35	0.30
3.	International Hardware Show, Cologne (FRG), March 3-6, 1985.	6.18	0.23
4.	IFE—International Food & Drinks Exhibition. London (UK), February, 25—March 1, 1985.	2.55	0.13
5.	Hotes & Foodex Fair, Tokyo (Japan) March 11-15, 1985.	5.19	0.21
6.	Star Fair Milan (Italy), May 23-27, 1985.	7.00	0.22
7.	International Leather Exhibition, Hong kong, May 30-June 2, 1985.	2.68	0.13
8.	International Leather Fair, Signapore June 5-8, 1985.	3.21	0.10
9.	International Leather Show, New York (USA), June 11-13, 1985.	1.32	0.15
10.	National Hardware Show, Chicago (USA), August 12-15, 1985.	6.25	0.30
11.	Semaine Du-Cuir, Paris (France), September 7-10, 1985.	10.00	0.14
12.	6-EMO European Metal Working Exhibition, Hannover (FRG), September, 17-25, 1985.	11.77	0.38
13.	SPOGA—International Trade Fair of Sports Goods Camping equipment & garden, furniture, Cologne (FRG), Sept., 22-24, 1985.	2.54	0.13
14.	Pret-A-Porter-Feminin, Paris (France), September 28—October 2, 1985.	21.50	0.33

1	2	3	4
15. Anuga Food Fair, Cologne (FRG), October, 12-17, 1985.		4.92	0.30
16. Interstoff-International Trade Fair, for Clothing Textiles, Frankfurt (FRG), October, 28-30, 1985.		4.40	0.13

*Participation in Tripoli Fair was arranged on a self-financing basis.

Statement—II

Details of Foreign Tours undertaken by Shri Mahammad Yunus, Chairman, Trade Fair Authority of India during 1985 along with expenditure on such tours under various Heads.

(Amounts in Rs.)

Place of Visit	No. of days	D.A.	Hotel accommodation charges	Entertainment	Conveyance/Contingencies
Kathmandu (Nepal), April, 1985 (He was treated as a State Guest)	3	196.87	He was treated as a State Guest.	915.00	118.96
Japan & U.S.A. (14 April, May 85)	14	6,611.75	51,239.69	1,938.36	10,369.79
Reijing (China) (Nov. 1985)	3	1,341.37	5,658.27	2,388.75	100.00
Paris (France) (Dec. 1985)	4	1,628.10	28,057.27	1,579.50	1,062.28
		9,678.09	84,955.23	6,821.61	11,651.03

Supply of Ram Material to Weavers for Production of Janata Cloth

2894. SHRI V. TULSIRAM :
SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to supply raw material to the weavers for

production of Janata cloth at prices assumed in the costing;

(b) if so, the extent to which the poor weavers will be benefited and safeguarded against fluctuations in prices and middlemen;

(c) the names of States where this scheme will be introduced;

(d) whether any item other than 'dhoti'