

the provisions of the Small Coins (Offences) Act, 1971 which prohibits melting and hoarding of coins with the intention of melting. Details of the number of persons arrested and action taken by the State Government/Union Territories from January, 1986 are being collected.

India's Offer of Technical Services to Libya

*141. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered technical services to Libya for its economic development;

(b) the names of other countries to whom India has made similar proposals; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Offers of technical co-operation are made every year to a large number of developing countries in diverse fields depending upon the stage of evolution of our economic cooperation with them.

[English]

Inquiry against Chairman, Sagar Gramin Bank

1105. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether reports of the Inquiry Officer on allegations against the Chairman of Sagar Gramin Bank has been received; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is under security in consultation with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Assistance to Small Industries

1106. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India has considered the necessity of setting up a small industries development fund which will serve as a focal point for co-ordinating assistance to the small-scale sector at the apex level; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the assistance proposed to be provided to institutions engaged in promotion, financing and provision of extension servision to the small scale sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The Small Industries Development Fund (SIDF) has been set up in IDBI to provide a focal point for coordinating financial assistance to the small scale sector. This Fund will be used to provide financial, promotional and extension support to the small scale sector. The on-going scheme of IDBI for equity support to small scale sector would be suitably enlarged and would be operated through SIDF. The assistance from SIDF for term loans will be by way of refinance assistance through the network of State Financial Corporations, State Industrial Development Corporations, commercial banks, cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks. Apart from assistance for setting up of new units and for their expansion and diversification, the Fund will be used to finance modernisation and rehabilitation of small scale units. The on-going schemes for artisans and village and cottage industries, scheduled caste entrepreneurs, ex-servicemen, etc. would be operated through SIDF. Assistance will be provided to the National Small Industries Corporation to cover supplies of machinery to small and tiny units and to Small Industries Development Corporations for setting up of industrial estates for small scale units. SIDF will also be used to finance activities

for identifying new industrial opportunities in the small scale sector and for assisting new entrepreneurs.

Concessional aid to India by Aid India Consortium

1107. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of concessional aid sought for by India at the Paris meeting of the Aid India Consortium held during June last to meet its foreign exchange requirements for its development programmes for the year 1986-87;

(b) the aid expected to be provided by the Aid India Consortium; and

(c) particulars of the important ongoing and new development projects which will be financed by this concessional aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The Consortium has been considering India's requirements of external assistance in its periodical meetings. It is a group of Countries/Institutions which has been set up at the initiative of the World Bank to consider availability of aid to India in the context of its requirements. The assessment of aid requirements in made by the World Bank and Government of India does not indicate any figures of requirement of aid.

(b) The total aid pledges indicated at the Consortium Meeting held on 16th and 17th June, 1986 in Paris were of the order of US \$ 4.5 billion.

(c) The particulars of the ongoing and new development projects to be financed by this will be known after the detailed negotiations with various donor countries and institutions are finalised.

Profits/Losses by Public and Private Sector Hotels

1108. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :
DR. A. K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) names and number of hotels in the Public Sector and their profits and losses in the Sixth Plan period and also thereafter;

(b) how is the performance of those of the same category in the private sector;

(c) the average occupancy rate of the 5-Star public sector hotels and how does it compare with that in the private sector; and

(d) how is the performance of those public sector hotels which cater for middle-class occupants who can afford only moderate rates ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Distribution of Loans in Trivandrum District through Credit Camp

1109. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether loans and assets worth Rs 13.37 crores were distributed to 35,859 persons on 27 May, 1986 in a credit camp at two places in Trivandrum district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time taken by banks to scrutinise the loan applications;

(d) the conditions on which loans were given to weaker sections; and

(e) when the first instalment of loan is payable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Public Sector Banks organise credit camps in different parts of the country at the initiative of field functionaries