

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Allotment of Flats to Branch Managers
by State Bank of Indore**

6478. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Bank of Indore has allotted luxury flats in Asiad Complex to all its Branch Managers in Delhi and New Delhi, the market rent of which is Rs. 8,000/- per month which is more than the salary of the officers ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the bank to save this wasteful expenditure ; and

(c) the reasons for making too costly flats residential ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c). State Bank of Indore has reported that due to difficulties in securing suitable accommodation for their officers posted at Delhi, the Bank decided to purchase five flats in Khelgaon, Delhi from Delhi Development Authority. The bank has also advised that its intention was only to provide residential accommodation to its Branch Managers looking to the hardship for securing suitable accommodation at Delhi.

[English]

New Marine Products Export Centres

6479. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of marine products exported in the year 1987 ; and

(b) the new centres where marine products have been started processing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) The quantity of marine products exported during the year 1987 was

of the order of 89124 tonnes.

(b) New processing plants registered with MPEDA during 1987 for processing marine products are located at Bombay, Bhubaneshwar, Calcutta, Karwar, Quilon, Alleppey and Cochin.

**New Projects for Export of Marine
Products**

6480. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the new projects started with the help of foreign collaborations for export of Marine Products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : These new projects have been implemented with the help of foreign collaborations for export of marine products. Two of these are Joint-Venture projects in the field of deep-sea fishing and one in the field of processing.

Export of Spices

6481. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any quality control of Indian spices like pepper, ginger, cardamom etc. before they are exported ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether there is price difference in the USA in Indian spices vis-a-vis of other countries ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to bring parity in prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All important spices such as pepper, cardamom, chillies, ginger, turmeric etc. are subject to quality control and pre-shipment inspection before export. Inspections are carried out by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection as per grades prescribed under the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act. The Export Inspection Agency has been recently notified as an alternative agency for pre-shipment inspection of black pepper.

(c) Yes, Sir.