

(c) Increase in the number of branches of banks and the centres for receipt of applications will not be compatible with the objective of bringing down the cost of public issue of securities.

(d) The centre prescribed for receipt of applications as per guidelines referred to at (a) above is Guwahati in the State of Assam.

[*Translation*]

**Grant of Advances to Four Sectors of Industry by IFCI**

5127. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation of India has decided to stop granting advances to four sectors of industry as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 2 October, 1986 ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) According to the IFCI, it is the view of the institutions that the capacity created in some sectors of industry including gelatine capsules spinning mills, paper project and cement projects is considered adequate in the context of the demand for their products, at present. However the institutions have decided to undertake market studies in the above four sectors of industries and review the position thereafter.

**U.S. Abraham Tank to Pakistan**

5128. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is being supplied by America a most sophisticated tank, namely Abraham ; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to counter the threat to India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) : (a) Government has seen reports that Pakistan is acquiring M-I ABRAHAM tanks from the United States.

(b) All such developments are kept under constant review and appropriate measures are taken to ensure the country's defence preparedness.

[*English*]

**Programmes with Assistance of Norwegian Agency for International Development**

5129. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some programme with assistance of Norwegian Agency for International Development was started in 1982-83 ; and

(b) if so, the details of this programme with special reference to amount earmarked and names of projects to be undertaken under this programme ?

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

(b) The following programmes have been undertaken with the assistance of Norwegian Agency for International Assistance (NORAD) during 1982-83 :

- i) Research in Amebiotic diseases which was extended on 10th August, 1982. An amount of 1.9 Million Norwegian Kroners was allocated for this.
- ii) Programme on Integrated Child Development in U.P. An Agreement was signed on 27th December, 1982. Total financial allocation was 40 Million Norwegian Kroners,