

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Bank</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1	2	3	4
3.	New Bank of India	1	0.13
4.	Punjab National Bank	5	3.94
5.	Punjab & Sind Bank	2	0.55
Total		11	9.58

(Data provisional)

[*Translation*]

Export Promotion of High Quality Goods of Small Scale Industries

1901. SHRIGUMAN MALLODHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for promoting export of high quality goods especially by small scale industries in India;

(b) whether any arrangements have been made for direct contact with the consumers in other countries for these products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) To promote export of high quality products, the Government assists the small and medium units by facilitating designer inputs and product adaptation required by consumers in the overseas markets. Special assistance is also provided for import of samples, catalogues and drawings of products demanded abroad. Technical experts and designers are also invited from abroad to

advise improvements in production processes and quality. Special training is provided to upgrade the quality of the products. All items manufactured in the small scale sector are given double weightage while judging the performance of the Export and Trading Houses for eligibility. Besides, exporters including the small scale units are provided incentives such as cash compensatory support, duty-drawback, concessional export credits, exemption of 100% of export profits, etc.

(b) and (c). Direct contact with the consumers in other countries is provided through contact promotion programmes, Buyer-Seller Meets, Participation in Trade Fairs and Exhibitions, India Promotion Programmes with Departmental Stores abroad, etc.

[*English*]

Trade with France

1902. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-
WARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: