

Nadu, Indra and Karni ghats, Pushkar in Rajasthan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

World Bank AID for Spinning Mills in Maharashtra

1857. SHRI SUDAM DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Review Mission has agreed to provide financial assistance to four Spinning Mills in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The proposal of Maharashtra Government for financing of four Spinning Mills, one each at Akot (Akola), Jalna, Daryapur and Wardha (Indira) under the IDA-assisted NCDC-III Project has been examined by a World Bank Review Mission. However, a decision by the World Bank would depend, among other things, upon the on-lending arrangements being finalized between NCDC and the State Government.

Rupee Trade with East European Countries

1859. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East European countries have demanded change in the pattern of trade to hard currencies;

(b) if so, its likely impact on rupee trade; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Export of Processed Food Items

1860. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for export of food items especially "processed food"; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries where these food items can be exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, there is considerable scope for expanding exports of our processed foods to USSR, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, UK, Netherlands, Federal Republic of Germany, USA, Japan etc.

Autonomy to Banks

1861. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the statutes governing the nationalised banks so as to give greater autonomy to them; and

(b) if so, the time frame set up by Government for implementation of this decision and the manner in which it will gear up the economy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The Nationalised banks perform their functions in accordance with the provisions contained