

canalising agency for export of processed mica, exported approximately 18410 MTs of processed mica, valued at Rs. 25.70 crores.

(b) to (d). Due to technological changes in the world, the export of processed mica is gradually giving way to value-added for mica, MITCO expects to export about 15000 tonnes of processed mica valued at Rs. 26 crores during 1985-86. Recent steps taken to increase export of mica are abolition of export duty on bridge mica blocks and promoting mica units manufacturing value-added products for exports. MITCO has in pursuance of this policy set up units for manufacture of silvered mica, mica powder and mica capacitors. Other value-added mica projects are also planned by MITCO.

#### Import of Edible Oil through STC

2932. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that edible oil is being imported through State Trading Corporation;

(b) the quantity and value of oil imported through State Trading Corporation during last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the present stock with the S.T.C. of edible oil;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a great difference between physical stock and book stock; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor and who is responsible for it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of edible oil imported by STC during the last 3 years are as under :

Financial Year	Quantity Lakh (MI)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1982-83	9.80	418.00
1983-84	14.09	846.00
1984-85	15.55	1286.00

(c) The physical stock of edible oils as on 21-7-1985 is approx. 2.49 lakhs MTs.

(d) and (e). The book stock and actual stock figures of financial year 1983-84 have been reconciled. During 1983-84, there was a total shortage of 15,950 MT valued at Rs. 914 lakhs. Regarding 1984-85, the reconciliation of figures is under progress. These shortages occur mainly during internal transit, storage, refining and processing, and tinning. In S.T.C.'s arrangements with storage, refining and tinning agents etc. shortage ceilings not due to their negligence are prescribed. Shortages in excess of the prescribed limit or due to negligence are duly claimed, and accounted for. Edible oils during internal transit are also duly covered for insurance and shortages are claimed from underwriters.

#### Applicability of Pension Scheme to Staff of SBI

2933. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether pension scheme is applicable to the staff of the State Bank of India; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce the pension scheme to the staff working in subsidiaries of State Bank of India i.e., State Bank of Mysore, etc. who are recruited through the same written test as the staff of State Bank of India ?

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

(b) At present only one of the subsidiaries of State Bank of India viz. State Bank of Hyderabad is having a Pension Scheme. There is no proposal under consideration to introduce the pension scheme in the other subsidiaries of State Bank of India.

#### Branches of Nationalised Banks in Bangalore City

2934. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks functioning in Bangalore city;