

Scheme, liberalisation of imports for export production, greater stress on marketing and warehousing and lines of credits to some countries.

A target of Rs. 4,550 crores has been fixed for 1989-90 for the export of engineering goods

Bank Note Paper

4851. SHRI RAMESHWAR NEEKHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the cost of per metric ton of bank note paper imported from abroad including foreign charges ; and

(b) the cost for each metric ton of bank note paper manufactured indigenously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) For 1985-86 Government have contracted to purchase 5,500 metric tons of bank note paper @ £ 4,650 per metric tons F.O.B. which at the current exchange rate of £6.1865 = Rs. 100/-, is equivalent to Rs. 75,164 per M.T.

(b) The present cost per metric ton of bank note paper manufactured indigenously is Rs. 67,245.

Involvement of State Governments in Credit Camps Organised by Finance Ministry

4852. SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka complained that the State Governments are not being involved in the credit camps (Loan Melas), organised by the Union Finance Ministry ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the identification of beneficiaries, processing of ap-

plications, release of subsidies, etc. are being done by the State agencies ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in Karnataka, the Chief Minister issued directives to the officials not to participate in the "Loan Melas" ; and

(d) whether Union Government propose to reconsider their stand and accommodate the view point of the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Export and Import of Rice

4853. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of basmati rice exported during the last three years, year-wise indicating the rate at which it was exported ;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the export of basmati rice, its price in the country has gone as high as Rs. 14-15 per kilograms ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of rice in the country and to meet the demand the rice is being imported ;

(d) if so, the quantity of rice imported during the last three years ; year-wise thereof and how it is being distributed ; and

(e) Government's policy in regard to import and export of rice for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Export of basmati