

voltine which is yet to achieve international standards. Even so, Indian silks products are in good demand in the foreign markets and exports have increased substantially.

(c) For increasing production of raw silk and to improve the quality of silk and silk goods produced in the country the Central Silk Board has been implementing intensive sericulture development projects like Inter State Tasar Project, Muga Seed Development Project, Intensive Sericulture Development Project in West Bengal etc. For improving the quality, research has been intensified for evolving high quality yielding mulberry varieties, silkworm races and a silk Technological Research Institute has been established at Bangalore. Similarly, State Govt. have also been implementing various programmes for development of sericulture. Increase in availability of high quality silk is expected to boost exports.

[*Translation*]

Bank Robberies in Delhi

1923. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV :
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KHAN :
PROF K.V. THOMAS :
SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :
SHRI KISHNA PRATAP
SINGH :
SHRI SIMON TIGGA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the bank robberies committed in Delhi since the beginning of 1985 (till date), monthwise, and the amount involved in each case;

(b) the number of persons arrested in connection with these robberies;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the nationalised banks particularly the smaller branches operating in the residential colonies are without any alarm system and adequate security arrangements; and

(d) if so, the machinery, if any, to ensure that the nationalised banks have

modern alarm system and adequate security arrangements to check bank robberies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The information, as reported by public sector banks and Delhi Police regarding bank robberies/dacoities involving public sector banks that occurred in Delhi during the year 1985 is given in the Statement below.

(c) and (d). The Working Group on security arrangements, which was set up by Government under the Chairmanship of the then secretary (Economic Affairs) had recommended several measures to strengthen existing security arrangements in banks. The report of the Working Group was forwarded to 23 public sector banks for implementing the recommendations made by the Group. Banks have been implementing the measures recommended by the Working Group in a phased manner for providing greater security arrangements for branches. The progress achieved in making security arrangement is reviewed by banks' boards and Chief Executives. A meeting of the local heads of public sector banks in Delhi was convened by the Government on 7.10.85 to discuss the question of strengthening the security arrangements in banks' branches in Delhi, advice, as below, was reiterated :—

- (i) to observe weekly off days in branches coinciding with the closing day of the market in the area;
- (ii) each branch should have an armed security guard;
- (iii) each bank branch should have a collapsible gate properly chained and locked at the entrance.
- (iv) there should be self-locking wire meshed cabins for Cashiers;
- (v) proper alarm system should be maintained and the alarm should not be feeble but a loud one;
- (vi) there should be periodical checking of security arrangements by senior officials of the banks.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	Date of occurrence	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of persons arrested
1.	State Bank of India (Evening Branch), Greater Kailash, Delhi Circle, Delhi.	14.3.85	4.19	...
2.	Union Bank of India, Anand Niketan Branch, Delhi.	4.3.85	0.45	...
3.	Bank of India, New Friends Colony, New Delhi.	21.5.85	Nil	...
4.	Vijaya Bank, Chandni Chowk Delhi.	4.6.85	Nil	...
5.	New Bank of India, Masjid Moth, Panchasheel Enclave, New Delhi.	10.7.85	3.02	...
6.	Bank of India, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi.	21.8.85	4.19	...
7.	Indian Bank, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi.	4.10.85	2.88	...

[English]

Collaboration Between India and West Germany

1924. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the liberalisation in the economic policies and the pragmatic attitude of Government to wards the foreign investment have encouraged German companies to increase their involvement in India;

(b) if so, the extent to which the trade between India and West Germany have been increased; and

(c) the fields in which collaboration between the two countries is being further strengthened ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Indo-FRG trade increased from Rs. 1443 crores

in 1983-84 to Rs. 1717 crores in 1984-85 (provisional). There has of late been considerable interest evinced by countries like the Federal Republic of Germany in exploring possibilities and opportunities for technology transfer and industrial collaboration including joint ventures with Indian enterprises. The major areas of collaboration between India and FRG so far cover product groups like machinery, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Adoption of Girijan Settlement by Nationalised Banks to promote Rural Development

1925. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the nationalised banks adopt Girijan Settlement so as to promote rural developments; and

(b) if so, the main features of assistance provided to the Girijans, the rate of interest and number of settlements adopted during the last three years, State-wise ?