

[English]

Development of Cochin FTZ

5396. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the development of Free Trade Export Zone (FTZ) at Cochin ;

(b) how many exporting companies have registered and started functioning in the Zone ; and

(c) the total amount so far spent for the development of the Zone ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) The construction and development work of Cochin Export Processing Zone Stage-I is nearing completion.

(b) There are 24 units in the approved list. 16 units have paid advance rent for factory sheds/plots. Two units have commenced production and exports.

(c) So far a sum of Rs. 11.32 crores have been incurred by the Government for land acquisition, construction and development of the Zone.

[Translation]

**Working of Ram Thirath Nagar,
Jhandewalan Branch of Central Bank
of India**

5397. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officers of Vigilance Department have detected the bungling of lakhs of rupees in Ram Tirath Nagar, Jhandewalan (New Delhi) Branch of the Central Bank of India ;

(b) whether he has received any report in this connection ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by his Ministry in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) Central

Bank of India has reported that the report of the Vigilance Officer, who had investigated the complaints regarding alleged irregularities in the grant of loans at the Bank's Ram Tirath Nagar Branch, New Delhi, has been received. The Bank has further reported that action has been initiated to rectify the irregularities indicated in the report.

[English]

Impact of Iran-Iraq War on Exports

5398. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the escalating trouble in Gulf sea lanes in the wake of Iran-Iraq conflict has adversely affected Indian exports moving in containers ; and

(b) if so, the extent to which it has affected the exports and the steps being considered in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) Enquiries made with the shippers and exporters' Associations indicate that there has been no adverse effect on the containerised exports from Indian ports.

(b) Does not arise.

Panel to Study Textile Mills Problems

5399. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government have constituted a panel to study problems faced by the Textile Industry ;

(b) if so, the main functions of the Committee ;

(c) when this Committee was set up and who were its members and whether any interim report has been submitted ; and