

Frauds in Connaught Circus Branch of State Bank of Indore

794. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of frauds/misappropriation in the State Bank of Indore, Connaught Circus Branch, New Delhi during the period 1 January, 1985 to 31 December, 1987;

(b) the details thereof including the amount involved therein; and

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). State Bank of Indore has reported that there has been no case of fraud/misappropriation at its Connaught Circus (New Delhi) Branch during the period 1.1.1985 to 31.12.1987. The bank has, however, reported that there are cases of sanctioning credit facilities by the then Branch Manager to firms in which a relative of the Branch Manager was interested as partner/proprietor, without disclosing this fact to the controlling authority and also issuing guarantees beyond his discretionary powers. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the Branch Manager and charge-sheet has been issued in respect of sanctioning credit facility to firms in which his relative was interested. The officer has also been transferred from the Branch.

System to Measure Inflation

795. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present system of measuring inflation and the rate of inflation;

(b) whether the wholesale and consumer price indices are measured with reference to a pre-determined basket of commodities and services;

(c) if so, whether the composition of the basket and weightage given to each component has remained unchanged since 1970; and

(d) if not, the particulars of the change made, the date of introduction of the change and reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The inflation is measured by the movement in price index over two points of time. The rate of inflation is calculated by the percentage change in Wholesale Price Index over a year.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The existing series of Wholesale Price Index is computed on base 1970-71 and the Consumer Price Index on base 1960. The revised series of Wholesale Price Index and the Consumer Price Index at new bases are likely to be introduced shortly.

Import/Export of Primary Commodities and Raw Materials

796. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of primary commodities and raw materials which are both exported and imported;

(b) the quantity exported and imported during the last three years for which statistical data are available;

(c) the licensing instructions and import control order regarding the import of such items; and

(d) the difference in the average unit export earning and CIF import value in each case for the last year for which data are available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) to (d). A Statement is given below.