

(c) The number of transfer order issued and cancelled by the bank during the current calendar year is reported to be 'nil'.

(d) and (e). According to State Bank of Indore 2 officials have not moved out of Delhi due to non-reporting of relieving officers and that they will be relieved as soon as reporting officers report at Delhi in their respective places.

#### **Import of Contaminated Edible Oil and Pulses**

9098. SHRI RAM DHAN:  
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RA-  
MOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether edible oil from Europe and pulses from Turkey were imported after the Chernobyl nuclear incident;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof;

(c) whether these commodities were tested in the research laboratories prescribed for it;

(d) if so, the names of the laboratories where these commodities were tested and the reports thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not conducting the tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) to (e). The information of being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

#### **Relief to MRTP and FERA Companies in Punjab**

9099. SHRI RAM DHAN:  
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RA-  
MOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give relief to MR.R.T.P. and F.E.R.A. companies in Punjab in order to save the industries from going into miserable condition due to deteriorating situation in that state;

(b) if so, the broad details of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). The Government of Punjab have requested that the whole of Punjab state may be declared as a category 'A' backward region. So far Government of India have not found it possible to accept this suggestion. However, special consideration is being shown for location of industrial project in Punjab.

#### **Committee to Examine suicides by Cotton Growers in Andhra Pradesh**

9101. SHRI RAM DHAN:  
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RA-  
MOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee of senior bank officers was appointed to go

into the incidents of suicide committed recently by the cotton growers of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report of this committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the new steps taken by Government on the basis of this report; and

(d) the outcome of steps so taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that a High-Powered Committee has been constituted to look into the problems relating to financing of cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.D. Ojha, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India. Other members of the committee are Chairman, Syndicate Bank, Chairman, Andhra Bank, and one of the Deputy Managing Directors of State Bank of India.

(b) The report of the Committee has not been received by the Government so far.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[English]

#### Foreign Tea Promotion Offices of Tea Board

9102. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has some foreign tea promotion office/sales counters;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof in different countries;

(c) whether some of those offices are not effective in increasing sale in their respective areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to revitalise those offices so that they show good performances in increasing sales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There are six tea promotion offices of Tea Board abroad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Spinning Mill in Kalahandi, Orissa

9103. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have again received a proposal to set up a Spinning Mill in Kalahandi district of Orissa;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon?

(c) if so, the site for the location of the Spinning Mill has been selected;

(d) the amount sanctioned by Union Government for the setting up the mill; and

(e) what further steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) (a) to (c). No such new proposal has been received. However, a representation against the rejection of an earlier proposal to set up such a mill in Kasinga, District Kalahandi has been received. It is not possible to indicate at this state by when the representation is likely to