

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) According to information furnished by the State Governments, the erosion of resources in 1977-78 on account of tax concessions, relief to employees and other financial commitments announced by the various State Governments after the finalisation of the State Plans for the current year is estimated to be above Rs. 400 crores, of which the nine States where Assemblies were dissolved on 30th April, 1977 alone account for about Rs. 326 crores.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library.* See No. LT-789/77].

(c) Central Government has viewed this erosion of resources with serious concern. These State Governments have been advised to enforce utmost economy in expenditure and to make an earnest attempt to fulfil all the undertakings given at the time of finalisation of the Annual Plan 1977-78.

Request for financial assistance from Buckingham and Carnatic Mills

4445. **SHRIMATI V. JAYALAKSHMI:** Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras had approached Government for any financial assistance and if so, the nature of assistance sought; and

(b) whether it would be taken over by Government as sick unit in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) As a result of unprecedented rains in November 1976, there was extensive damage to the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras under the management of Binnys & Co. as a result of which the mill closed down. A request was made to the Government for

financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 5 crores to reopen the mill. Since this relief assistance was not readily available out of the banking system, the requirement to the extent of 4 crores were met in the following manner:—

- (i) A three-year loan of Rs. three crores from the Development Assistance Fund of the IDBI;
- (ii) A three-year loan of Rs. one crore from the State Bank of India;
- (iii) Both the loans were given against Central and State Government guarantee.

In the context of this financial assistance, the management of the Binny & Co. has been substantially re-structured to include representatives of the lending financing institutions, Central Government and the Government of Tamil Nadu, whose officer has been appointed as Managing Director of the Company. The mill reopened on 20th February 1977

(b) There is no proposal to take over the Mill under Government management.

विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों की बैंकों में जमा धनराशियां

4446. **श्री मोठा लाल पटेल :** क्या वित्त तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों की बैंकों में जमा धनराशियों के बारे में सूचना एकत्र की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस-किस देश में कितनी धनराशि किस ब्याज दर से जमा है और क्या भारत सरकार भी समय-समय पर इनकी जांच करती है ?