

Gramin Banks in West Bengal

5867. SHRI BIJOY SINGH NAHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state the number of Gramin Banks in West Bengal, the amount disbursed as loan amongst small and marginal farmers, under-employed and landless labourers in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): At present four Regional Rural Banks are functioning in West Bengal. Disbursements made by these banks in the districts covered by them upto the last Firday of May, 1977 are indicated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the R. R. Bank	Date of establishment	District covered	Amount disbursed (Rs. in thousand)
1	Gaur Gramin Bank, Malda	2-10-1975	West Dinajpur, Malda & Murshidabad.	15109
2	Mallabhum Gramin Bank, Bankura	9-4-1976	Bankura, Purulia & Midnapur.	1823
3	Mayurakshi Gramin Bank, Suri	16-8-1976	Birbhum.	891
4	Uttar Banga Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Cooch-Behar.	7-3-1977	Jalpaiguri, Cooch-Behar & Darjeeling.	2
TOTAL				17825

Export of Quinine/Cinchona

5368. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether large portion of Quinine/Cinchona is exported out of the country to various parts of the world;

(b) if so, the quantity, amount of export and the general prevailing prices thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the demand of domestic market has been greatly suffering due to such large export; and

(d) the details of demand and supply of the item during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). Export figures of Quinine/Cinchona are given below:

	Quantity (M. tonnes)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)	Price Rs. per kg.
1974-75	18.2	257	1412
1975-76	13.4	199	1485
1976-77	6.8	105	1544
(Apr—Feb)			

(c) No, Sir. While exports are being allowed, this is being done only after taking into account internal demand.

(d) Figures of production in the last three years are given below:

	(M. tonnes)
1974-75	21·964
1975-76	19·984
1976-77	19 (Estimated)

The production of this item is only by the State Governments of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. After taking into account local demand, the quantity left is made available for export.

Production of Jute in West Bengal

5389. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

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MALIK:

SHRI MANI RAM BAGRI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Jute in West Bengal during the last six months, month-wise;

(b) whether the production of jute has come down by 16 per cent during June, 1977 as compared to March, 1977;

(c) the reasons for this decline in production;

(d) whether as a result of this decline in production 20,000 workers have lost their jobs in West Bengal; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Production of jute goods in West Bengal during the last six months was as under:—

Month	Quantity ('000' tonnes)
January, '77	98·0
February, '77	93·6
March, '77	100·5
April, '77	92·2
May, '77	91·0
June, '77	86·9

(b) and (c). The fall in production of jute goods in West Bengal during June, 1977 as compared to March, 1977 works out to about 13.5 per cent. This was due to:—

- (i) Shortage of raw jute
- (ii) Power shedding in W. Bengal
- (iii) One working day less in June as compared to March.

(d) and (e). According to the information received from the West Bengal Government there has not been any report of retrenchment of any permanent or special Badli workers by jute mills in West Bengal recently.