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Fraud committed in State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk, Delhi

- 4181. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a fraud committed in C.S.B. (account No. 2497), the State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk Branch, Delhi in 1974 was brought to the notice of the State Bank of India authorities and the Ministry of Finance;
- (b) whether this case was reported to the Delhi Police in June, 1975 and a fraud has been established during the Police Investigation Report dated the 14th February, 1976;
- (c) if so, what further action has so far been taken by the Ministry and the bank authorities; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to The State Bank of India has reported that one Shri Tara Chand had made a complaint to the Bank in June 1975 that a cheque of Rs. 622 debited to his Savings Bank Account at the Chandni Chowk branch of the Bank on 28th August 1974 had not actually been drawn by him. The New Delhi Locai Head Office thereupon obtained opinion of a Handwriting Expert who pronounced the drawer's signature on impugned cheque is genuine. The State Bank of India has further reported that this position was explained to Shri Tara Chand.

Shri Tara Chand is, however, reported to have filed a police complaint subsequently and later on forwarded a copy of a letter dated 14th February 1976 from Delhi Police to the effect that according to the hand-writing expert of the police, the signature of

the cheque was forged and that since the cultprit is not being traceable the police and treating the matter as closed. In view of this development, State Bank of India has obtained the Cheque from the Court and sent it to the forensic laboratory of the C.B.I. New Delhi for a third and final opinion regarding the alleged forgery. The bank will be taking appropriate action depending upon the opinion to be furnished by the Forensic Laboratory.

Holding of Seminars by Agricultural Refinance Corporation

4182. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Agricultural Refinance Corporation propose to hold seminars in different regions on the role to be played by the Industry for rural development; and
 - (b) if so details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b). There is no proposal by the Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation to hold seminars on the role to be played by industry for rural development.

Reduction in Foreign Equity by Union Carbide India Limited

- 4183. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Union Carbide India Limited has agreed to reduce its foreign equity from 60 to 50.9 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether reduction is in conformity with the FERA and other foreign equity dilution requirements; and
- (c) if so, the particulars of benefits accruing to the country as a result thereof?