

**Hurdles faced by entrepreneurs in backward areas**

10170. SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that entrepreneurs in backward areas face many hurdles in the matter of finances by Central and State subsidy institutions;

(b) how do the Government propose to simplify the subsidy rules for the new undertakings in backward areas; and

(c) how would Government get preferential/concessional treatment for new undertakings in backward areas by Excise, Labour, Factories, Industries department so far as they affect financially the interests of new undertakings and development of backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

**Recruitment made by Ministry and by Service Commission**

10171. SHRI A. BALAJANOR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the posts in the Ministry and attached and subordinate offices for which recruitment is made directly by the Ministry and made Service Commission;

(b) the recruitments in each category during the last two years, the method of recruitment, the number of candidates who applied and the number selected; and

(c) whether it is ensured that proper publicity is given in all newspapers of the country for staff requirements of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

**Export of Onions and Potatoes**

10172. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of onions and potatoes exported during the last three years and the names of countries to which exported and the quantity exported to each country; and

(b) what was the market and consumers price of these commodities during the last three years and their exported price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2322/78.]

**Loan wheedle by one Shri Krishna Gopal Singh**

10173. SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the knowledge of Government that one Shri Krishna Gopal Singh was able to wheedle a loan of Rs. 13500 out of the Patna Urban Cooperative bank by pledging 3.5 acres of the famous Gandhi Maidan and platform No. 1 of Patna Junction in May, 1971;

(b) is it a fact that he could do so because of the political patronage and shelter of one of the then important Ministers;

(c) did Reserve Bank of India come to know of this irregularity ever;