

project authorities to the handloom weavers and the marketing of such products are also attended to by them.

(5) In keeping with the Government's policy for providing maximum encouragement to the handlooms, the Quota Policy for the coming year provides for adequate share for handlooms where handlooms and millmade items are clubbed together for allocation.

**Meeting of West Bengal Government with Chiefs of Financial Institutions**

1931. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA:

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government met the Chiefs of the various financial institutions in the States after the recent floods;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion that have taken place in this meeting along with the names of the participants; and

(c) the action taken upto-date on the basis of that discussion?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b). After the recent floods, the Finance Minister of West Bengal met the representatives of the financing institutions at Calcutta on 17th October, 1978 to discuss relief measures and the credit requirements of the flood affected victims. This was followed by another meeting on 23rd October, 1978 between the officers of the banks and the State Government. The procedure for providing need-based credit was discussed at this meeting.

The names of the participants are indicated in the Statement attached.

(c) Joint teams of Agricultural Finance Corporation and the Indian Banks' Association have toured the nine most affected districts of West Bengal viz. Burdwan, Birbhum, Howrah, Nadia, Hooghly, 24-Parganas,

Murshidabad, Midnapore, and Bankura. They have assessed the extent of relief and rehabilitation assistance required by the farmers in these districts. The AFC-IBA teams have also recommended that credit camps may be arranged in order to reach a larger number of small borrowers in the shortest possible time. All the bank branches located in the flood affected areas of the nine districts are taking steps to provide assistance to small borrowers in the sectors of agriculture, artisans and self-employed and small scale and tiny industries in the light of the recommendations of the AFC/IBA teams.

**Statement**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING  
(17.10.1978)

1. *Representatives of West Bengal Government:*

Dr. Ashok Mitra, Finance Minister—Presided

Shri Komal Guha, Minister for Agriculture and Community Development.

Dr. K. L. Bhattacharya, Minister for Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Yatim Chakravarty, Minister for P. W. D. and Housing.

Shri C. Majumdar, Minister for Cottages and Small Scale Industries.

Shri D. N. Ghosh, Adviser, Institutional Finance.

Shri V. R. Desai, Chairman, West Bengal Cell, Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India and other Senior Officers of State Government.

2. *Representatives of the Banks:*

Shri A. Ghosh, Chairman & Managing Director, Allahabad Bank.

Shri S. Niyogi, Chairman & Managing Director, United Bank of India.

Shri B. K. Chatterji, Chairman & Managing Director, United Commercial Bank.

**Shri J. N. Biswas, Chairman, United Industrial Bank.**

**Shri A. M. Mariappan, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Calcutta.**

**Regional Heads of:**

Central Bank of India  
Punjab National Bank  
Canara Bank  
Bank of India  
Indian Bank  
Syndicate Bank  
Bank of Baroda  
Union Bank of India  
Dena Bank  
Indian Overseas Bank  
Bank of Maharashtra

**3. Representatives of other financing institutions:**

**Shri R. V. Raman, Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India**

**Dy. General Manager, Industrial Development Bank of India**

**Director, Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation**

**Shri P. R. Michael, Director, Projects, Agriculture Finance Corporation**

**Zonal Manager, Life Insurance Corporation of India**

**Shri V. Subramaniam, Joint Chief Officer, Reserve Bank of India, Calcutta**

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING (23-10-1978)**

**1. Government of West Bengal:**

**Shri D. N. Ghosh, Adviser, Institutional Finance, Government of West Bengal**

**Shri P. K. Banerjee, Joint Secretary, Institutional Finance, Government of West Bengal**

**Shri V. R. Desai, Chairman, West Bengal Cell, Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India.**

**2. Representatives of Banks:**

**Shri N. S. Natarajan, Managing Director, State Bank of India**

**Shri A. M. Mariappan, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Calcutta**

**Shri P. F. Gutta, Chairman & Managing Director, Central Bank of India**

**Shri B. K. Chatterjee, Chairman & Managing Director, United Commercial Bank**

**Shri C. E. Kamath, Chairman & Managing Director, Canara Bank**

**Shri M. V. Subba Rao, Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Bank**

**Shri O. P. Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, Punjab National Bank**

**Shri A. Ghosh, Chairman & Managing Director, Allahabad Bank**

**Shri S. Niyogi, Chairman & Managing Director, United Bank of India**

**Branches of Nationalised Banks, in North Eastern Region States**

**1932. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Nationalised Bank Branches at present in North Eastern Region States and West Bengal, State-wise, district-wise, Bank-wise;

(b) the names of Bank Branches opened in those States, State-wise, district-wise during the last three years, year-wise, date-wise with the special reference to Regional Rural Banks;

(c) the details of the plan of opening Bank Branches in those States, State-wise, district-wise, Bank-wise in current year; and