

— shortage of power.

— industrial unrest and strikes particularly at ports.

— unprecedented floods in many States like U.P., Bihar, West Bengal etc.

— reduced availability of imported raw cashewnuts and some difficulties in obtaining raw nuts locally.

(v) Transport bottlenecks and congestion at major ports like Calcutta and Bombay.

(vi) Deliberate policy of Government to restrict/control export of certain commodities to enable sufficient domestic availability at reasonable prices and to thus reduce the social cost of exports

(c) and (d). A continuous study is undertaken by the organisations like TDA, IIFT, State Trading Corporation etc, to explore the prospects of exports commodity/countrywise. Task Forces were appointed to look into the problems and suggest ways for increasing production and exports to other countries in respect of dynamic sectors viz. (i) Leather and leather products; (ii) Gems and Jewellery; (iii) Handicrafts; (iv) Electronics; (v) Project exports; (vi) Furniture; (vii) Agricultural products; (viii) Export services; and (ix) Export from small scale sector. An Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee has been constituted for ensuring speedy examination and follow up action on the recommendations.

#### Recruitment of Deputy Marketing Officers for S.T.C.

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state;

(a) the precise mode of recruitment of Deputy Marketing Officers for S.T.C. adopted during the last three years indicating the various processes down to the final selection;

(b) the number finally selected, indicating their qualification and the States they hail from; and

(c) the number of candidates from SC/ST who were selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Recruitment of Deputy Marketing Manager (Gr. I and Gr. II) was generally made on the basis of:

— Open advertisement issued in leading National Dailies;

— Screening of applications as per the qualifications experience, age, etc., prescribed in the advertisement.

— Preliminary interview by a Selection Committee.

— Final interview by a high powered Selection Board which includes outside members/experts.

(b) Number of appointments made in the cadres of DMM-I and DMM-II during 1976-77 and 1978 is as under:

DMM—I · 41

DMM—II 30

Names, qualifications of persons appointed and the States they hail from are given in statements I & II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT-4143/79].

	SC	ST	Total
DMM-I .	13	4	17
DMM-II	5	2	7
	18	6	24