

Statement

Details of scheme	Financial assistance sanctioned	
	Years	
	Rs.	
(i) Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of consumers cooperatives in Urban Areas	1977-78	9,18,000/-
	1978-79	40,13,875/-
	1979-80	22,03,000/-
	1977-78	nil
(ii) Central Sector rural consumers scheme	1978-79	19,50,000/-
	1979-80	11,55,000/-

Opening of an Office of Marine Projects Export Development Authority in Orissa

7416. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a initiative taken by Government to open office of Marine Products Export Development Authority in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Yes. Sir. A regional office of Marine Products Exports Development Authority under the scheme of Prawn Farming started functioning at Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 28th November, 1979.

Small Savings

7417. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any incentive to such postal employees as achieve satisfactory progress in the collection of Small Savings; and

(b) if so, what are the incentives and the number of employees to whom such incentives have been given during the past three financial years either State-wise or at the National level?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). Extra Departmental Post Masters are provided incentive by the Government of India in the form of commission for Small Savings collections made through them, as under:—

(i) 2 per cent on the net accretions, exclusive of interest, of not less than Rs. 500 at the end of the financial year, in the Post Office Savings Bank accounts operative at their offices, over and above the net accretions at the end of the previous year.

(ii) 1 per cent on the deposits in 2-Year and 3-Year Time Deposit accounts and 2 per cent on the deposits in 5-Year Time Deposit accounts, passing through them, and 2 per cent on 7-Year National Savings Certificates, National Savings Annuity Certificates and National Development Bonds sold through their offices, on which no agency commission is otherwise payable to any authorised agent under the Standardised Agency System.

As regards the number of such employees who were given these incentives during the past three financial years, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contribution made by Nationalised Banks in Himachal Pradesh

7418. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the contribution made by the nationalised banks in Himachal