

Pradesh in the field of (i) assistance to agriculturists (ii) loans to young entrepreneurs in industry (iii) educated unemployed for setting up Small Scale Industries (iv) trade and business for each one of the nationalised banks having its branches in H.P.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): The data in the manner called for in the question are not available. However, advances made by Public Sector Banks to various Priority Sectors in the State of Himachal Pradesh as on last Friday of June, 1979 are as under:—

	No. of Borrowal Accounts	Balance Outstanding (Amt. in lakhs)
(1) Agriculture	48159	896
(2) Retail Trade	7600	39½
(3) Small Business	3680	73
(4) Professional and Self Employed	3622	56
(5) Education	51	2
(6) Small Scale Industries	2964	625
(7) Transport Operators	679	275
Total Priority Sector Advances	66755	2315
Total Advances by Public Sector Banks in Himachal Pradesh	3699	
Percentage of Priority Advances in the State	62.6	

Export of Cotton

7419. SHRI CHANDRABHAN ATHARE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of long staple and short staple cotton has

been exported from each State during the last three years;

(b) the total quantity of cotton procured under the Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme and the quantity purchased by the National Textile Corporation;

(c) reason as to why the National Textile Corporation has not purchased the majority quantity of cotton procured by the Maharashtra Government under the Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme; and

(d) what is the total production of cotton in each State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) 48.14 lakh quintals and 83.81 lakh quintals of kapas were procured under the Maharashtra Monopoly Procurement Scheme during the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 respectively. (Monopoly scheme had been suspended during 1977-78 season and restored half way through 1978-79 season). The National Textile Corporation purchased following quantities from the Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation:

Sales of 1978-79 crop	2,33,499 bales
Sales of 1979-80 crop upto 30-6-80	2,25,098 bales

(c) As a matter of policy the National Textile Corp. purchases bulk of the requirement from public/cooperative sector. The quantities purchased from the Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation are based on the requirements of the National Textile Corporation mills for the varieties of cotton marketed under that scheme.

(d) The estimated production of cotton in each of the cotton growing

States during the cotton seasons 1977-78 and 1978-79 is as under:—

Name of State	Production in '000 bale of 170 Kgs. each.	
	1977-78	1978-79
Andhra Pradesh	217.0	347.0
Gujarat	1941.8	2101.2
Haryana	464.0	603.0
Karnataka	801.7	822.7
Madhya Pradesh	299.2	297.0
Maharashtra	1263.4	1317.1
Punjab	1224.0	1325.0
Rajasthan	452.4	569.9
Tamil Nadu	538.1	495.7
Others	41.8	48.7
TOTAL	7243.4	7927.3

Statewise production figures of cotton for 1979-80 cotton season have not yet become available. However, the total production of cotton during 1979-80 cotton season is estimated at 78.50 lakh bales.

Lime-Stone in Rajasthan

7420. SHRI BHEEKHA BHAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of limestone found in Dungarpur Banswara and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan;

(b) whether any exploration tests or surveys have been conducted; and

(c) whether it is a fact Talwara in Banswara and Chikhli Sabla in Dun-

garpur district have to be said huge deposits of lime stone?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Reserves of Limestone estimated include 30 million tonnes in Dungarpur, 75 million tonnes in Banswara and 831 million tonnes in Udaipur Districts.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India conducted exploration for Limestone in Khamera and Bhongra areas in Banswara District and at Chanderia in Udaipur District. State Department of Mines and Geology Rajasthan conducted investigation for Limestone in Talwara area in Banswara District, Manderia and Darauli areas in Udaipur District and in Sabla and Loharia areas in Dungarpur District. Estimated reserves of Limestone at Talwara (Banswara District) are 25 million tonnes and that of Sabla and Loharia. (Dungarpur District) are 30 million tonnes.

C.B.I. Inquiry Regarding Purchase of Papers by I.T.D.C.

7421. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a C.B.I. Inquiry was made regarding purchases of palm-leaf brand paper by I.T.D.C. (India Tourism Development Corporation) in the year 1977-78 or 1978-79; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof and what action was taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is still under consideration of the ITDC management.