

and also at the time the Janata Government relinquished power; and

(b) what is the corresponding position in all these respects at present?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT):** (a) and (b) The Janata Party came to power on 24th March, 1977 and relinquished

office on 15th July, 1979. The position regarding (i) foreign exchange reserves (ii) gold reserves (iii) rate of industrial growth (iv) rate of annual growth of national income (v) rate of increase of per capita income at the time when Janata Party came to power and relinquished power, together with latest available corresponding position at present is given in enclosed statements.

### Statement— I

#### Foreign Exchange Reserves and gold Reserves

End of	Foreign Exchange reserves (excluding gold and SDRs) held by the R.B.I. (Rs. crores)	Gold holdings of the R.B.I. in the issue Department (Rs. crores)
1	2	3
24-3-1977	2790.57	187.80
15-7-1979	5493.02	219.50
11-7-1980 (Latest available)	4703.31	224.71

\*April 1979—February 1980.

@Anticipated estimates.

#### Rejections of Applications of Harijan Farmers by Nationalised Banks in Bihar

5562. **SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of nationalised banks in Bihar have rejected the applications of Harijan farmers;

(b) whether the Ali Ahmed Commission inquiring into the bungling in the Bihar State Land Development Bank has been disbanded; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT):** (a) No separate data regarding the number of rejected applications belonging to

Harijan farmers are maintained. However, as at March 1979 (the latest available) 24584 members of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes in the State of Bihar had received agricultural advances from the public sector banks and the total agricultural advances in their accounts were Rs. 106.13 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Government of Bihar have intimated that the Ali Ahmed Commission has been scrapped as the term of Commission had expired.

#### Central Grants Surrendered by Bihar State Government

5563. **SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Central grants surrendered by the Bihar State Government year-wise during the last