

Directives to Commercial Banks Regarding Direct Lending to Agriculture and weaker sections.

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has directed to all Commercial banks to ensure that at least half of the direct lending to agriculture and allied activities goes to weaker sections;

(b) if so, what are the details of the directions issued;

(c) whether any definition has been made clear about the poor farmers; and

(d) if so, how much limit has been put and to what extent the loans will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). In October, 1980, the Commercial Banks have been advised by the RBI that, by 1983, at least 50 per cent of their total direct advances to agriculture including allied activities must be for the weaker sections.

(c) and (d). Weaker sections in the field of agriculture have been defined as small and marginal farmers with land holding of 5 acres and less and landless labourers. For allied activities persons whose borrowal limits for such activities do not exceed Rs. 10,000 have been defined as the weaker sections. The quantum of loan would be dependent upon the viability of the purpose for which the loan is sought. Apart from the usual norms followed for purposes of lending, no limit has been imposed for the purposes of loaning to the weaker sections.

प्रगति मैदान में "सन आफ" इंडिया प्रदर्शनी

3575. श्री जयकाक हुसैन: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में प्रगति मैदान में 'सन आफ इंडिया' प्रदर्शनी आयोजित करने का उद्देश्य क्या है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा उस पर कुल कितना व्यय किया गया? और

(ग) यह प्रदर्शनी हथकरघा खादी हस्त-कला से किस तरह सम्बद्ध है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुरशीद आलम खां) (क) से (ग) 'सन आफ इंडिया' प्रदर्शनी का आयोजन स्वर्गीय श्री संजय गांधी के सम्मान में 'सन आफ इंडिया समिति द्वारा किया गया है। प्रदर्शनी का व्यय समिति द्वारा वहन किया जाएगा। तथापि अस्थायी रूप में उपलब्ध कराये गये स्थान के रख-रखाव का रोजमरों का खर्च भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण द्वारा किया जाएगा। परन्तु पानी व बिजली का खर्च प्राधिकरण द्वारा आयोजक से बसूल किया जाएगा। हालांकि यह प्रदर्शनी राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा तथा खादी मेला तथा राष्ट्रीय हस्तशिल्प मेला के साथ ही आयोजित की गई परन्तु यह इन मेलों का भाग नहीं थी।

Export of Foodgrains

3576. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains of each variety already exported or decided to be exported during the current year;

(b) why foodgrains are being allowed to be exported;

(c) what is the buffer stock of foodgrains as at the end of December, 1978 and October, 1980; and