

(d) The average daily expenditure incurred on these programmes amounted to Rs. 11,392.91. Though there is no direct income from these programmes, they make the Pragati Maidan popular and enable the available infrastructure to be put to full use leading to increase in FAI's revenue through enhanced rentals, gate money etc.

Income and Expenditure on National Handloom and Khadi Fair

3696. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of visitors to the National Handloom and Khadi Fair and the gate money earned therefrom;

(b) what is the total expenditure on the organisation of the fair business and the income derived; and

(c) how does the Trade Fair Authority propose to meet the losses, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) The total number of visitors to the National Handloom and Khadi Fair was about 2.43 lakhs. The gate money earned amounted to Rs. 2.27 lakhs.

(b) The budgeted expenditure on the organisation of the Fair is Rs. 12.10 lakhs. Business conducted at the Fair amounted to about Rs. 1.4 crore. Income from the Fair is estimated at Rs. 12.25 lakhs.

(c) The loss, if any' will be met out of the Trade Fair Authority's own resources.

Utilisation of Pragati Maidan

3697. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pragati Maidan is on lease with Trade Fair Authority of India under the Ministry of Commerce for the purpose of holding international and national trade fairs and exhibitions;

(b) if so, is it being utilised for the purpose, if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) how do the Youth Corner, Children's Corner and night life centre fit in with the definition of National and International Trade fairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c). The Pragati Maidan has been leased to the Trade Fair Authority of India for purposes of organising fairs/exhibitions and allied activities and it is being utilised for these purposes. Entertainment centres like Youth Corner, Children's Corner and opportunity for late evening shopping, restaurants etc., help attract large crowds to the fairs held at Pragati Maidan. In many international fairs abroad also such centres are located in the fair complex and serve to lend considerable publicity to the fair.

Agricultural Development Branches of Public Sector Banks in Madhya Pradesh

3698. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Agricultural Development Branches of Public Sector Banks are operating in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the quantum of total advances by Public Sector Banks to the Agricultural Sector in Madhya Pradesh during 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 (ending September);