

December, 1980 there were 151 branches of commercial banks functioning in the District of Midnapur, West Bengal.

(b) The available information regarding deposits, advances (as per sanction) and Credit : Deposit Ratio of the scheduled commercial banks operating in Midnapur District of West Bengal is given below :

As on the last Friday of
December
(Amt. in Rs. Lakhs)

	1978	1979
Deposits	5909	7356
Advances	1440	1725
Credit Deposit Ratio	24.4	23.5

Information relating to the last Friday of December, 1980 has not yet become available.

News Item Captioned "Indian Cargo Worth Millions for Auction in Mombasa"

1610. SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item 'Indian cargo worth millions for auction in Mombasa' appearing in the 'Patriot' New Delhi, dated 4th February, 1981 ;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto and the steps he proposes to take to save the situation presently and prevent it from happening in future;

(c) whether it is not obligatory on the Indian exporters to ship the goods against irrevocable letters of credit without recourse ;

(d) if so, why this procedure was not followed in this case ; and

(e) if not, whether he proposes enforcing such a stipulation in the matter of all exports from India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian High Commissioner in Kenya has been asked to make enquiries and furnish a detailed report on the matter.

Action as necessary will be taken on receipt of complete information from them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is not possible to compel Indian exporters to adopt any particular method of financing export sales. The method adopted will depend on factors such as credit standing of the buyer, the amount involved, types of merchandise and the prevailing custom in the trade.

Mica and Mineral Deposits in Arunachal

1611. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of vast deposits of mica and minerals in Arunachal ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for their commercial exploitation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) & (b). Occurrences of coal, basemetals, clays, limestone, dolomite and graphite have been reported in Arunachal Pradesh. No commercial significant mica deposit has so far been reported in the State. Coal deposits are also small and there is no proposal yet for their exploitation. Economic viability for commercial exploitation of other minerals has also not yet been established.

The Cement Corporation of India, however, on behalf of the Ministry of Industry, is investigating and preparing a feasibility report for setting up of a 200 tonnes per day capacity cement plant at Tidding in Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh.

पटना हवाई अड्डे पर रात्रि के समय विमानों का उतरना

1612. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार परिवहन प्रयोक्ता संघ ने पटना हवाई अड्डे पर रात्रि के समय