

(b) is it proposed to adopt commercial method to fix up factory cost and selling cost on the basis of scientific cost account method?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) :

(a) and (b). Normal commercial accounting principles are followed in respect of costing of equipment manufactured in the Defence Public Sector Undertaking. In respect of the sale price it is negotiated between the Department concerned and the production unit. In a few cases where developmental efforts are involved the sale is on the basis of cost plus profit.

Branches of Overseas Banks in Various Countries

6658. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Overseas Bank has got a number of branches in various countries;

(b) which are the countries in which these branches are functioning;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain cases of defalcation and embezzlement came to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member has in mind the Indian Overseas Bank which has at present branches functioning in Hongkong, Singapore, Sri Lanka and South Korea.

(c) to (e). There have been a few cases of frauds and other irregulari-

ties in some of these branches. Action as is appropriate in such cases, is being followed up in consultation with Reserve Bank of India and the bank concerned.

Branches of Nationalised Banks Functioning in Different Countries

6659. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state :

(a) the names of places of location of offices of branches of nationalised banks functioning in different countries of the world :

(b) how many of them have got lucrative business;

(c) whether any of these branches are running in losses; if so, the reasons; and

(d) whether any cases of defalcation or embezzlement have come to their notice ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) The requisite information is given in the statement laid on the table of the House.

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(b) and (c). According to information available, by and large, the business handled by foreign branches of Indian banks has been profitable. In a few stray cases some of the branches also suffered some losses. These were mainly due to either some administrative lapses or for factors beyond the control of the branch concerned.

(d) Yes, Sir, A few cases of frauds committed at some of the foreign branches of Indian banks had come to notice.