

sary inputs with Advance Licence under the Duty Exemption Scheme.

(b) The price of imported rubber is fixed by the pricing committee of the Government taking into account certain factors such as the prevailing domestic price for rubber, international price, incidental charges for STC in their import transaction etc.

SC|ST cells in various administrative offices of Punjab National Bank

9251. SHRI N. E. HORO:

SHRI RAM AWADH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Cells in Head Office, Zonal Offices, Regional Offices and other Administrative Offices in Punjab National Bank; if so, what are the functions of the Cells;

(b) whether these SC|ST Cells have taken up any on-the-spot inspection of rosters in Head Office, Zonal Offices, Regional Office and other Administrative Offices;

(c) if not, what were the reasons for not taking up such inspections by the Cells so far and what steps the Bank proposes to take in this matter;

(d) how much sanctioned staff has been provided in the SC|ST Cells;

(e) whether Liaison Officers have been posted in these SC|ST Cells in various Administrative Offices of Punjab National Bank; if not, the reasons thereof and steps the Bank proposes to take in this regard; and

(f) whether Government had considered the desirability of appointing Liaison Officers from SC|ST officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (f). The Punjab National Bank has reported that while there is no exclusive Cell, the Chief (Selection & Training) at its Head Office and the Regional Managers at its various Regional Headquarters have been appointed Liaison Officers for dealing with matters relating to implementation of Government orders regarding reservation for SC|ST. This work is attended to by the Selection and Training Division at the head office and Staff Departments at the various regional offices.

The Bank has reported that the rosters are inspected periodically by the Liaison Officers. It is not necessary that Liaison Officers themselves should be from SC|ST.

Suspension of R.B.I. Squeeze on Resources of Scheduled Commercial Banks

9252. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has suspended its squeeze on resources of scheduled commercial banks;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) is what extent it will enable the banking system to deploy the resources among the needy industrial and other borrowers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the industries namely commercial vehicles, tractors and sugar have been identified for assistance;

(e) if so, what is the extent of allocations made by the RBI and the Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation in respect of each identified industry; and