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tory Calcutta. State Drug Control authorities have been requested to take further acton on the bass of test reports.

Value of Rupee

963. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

- (a) the value of a Rupee at the end of 31st December, 1970, 31st December, 1975, 31st December, 1977, 31st December, 1978, 31st December, 1979, 31st December, 1980, 31st December, 1981 with 1960 as base; and
- (b) value of rupee in 1960 with 26th January, 1950 as a base?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The purchasing power of Rupee measured as a reciprocal of the All-India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (base: 1960-100) works out as follows:

	 	(1960 <u>—</u> 100).
December 1970		. 53 76 paise
December1975		. 32 68 "
December 1977		. 30 30 ,,
December 1978		. 29 85 ,,
December 1979		. 26.74 ,,
December 1980		. 24.51 ,,
December 1981		. 21.74 ,,

⁽b) The purchasing power of rupee using All-India Working Class Consumer Price Index (Base: 1949-100) with January 1950 as base works out to 89.65 paise in 1960.

Deposits and Credits Advanced by Nationalised Banks

964. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing;

- (a) the total assets and liabilities, deposits and credits advanced and the number of branches in rural areas of each of the 14 banks nationalised before July 1969 and their respective figures at present;
- (b) what are the specific data of each of the foreign banks operating in India and of the Indian banks having total deposits of above 50 crores of rupees: and
- (c) whether it is proposed to nationalise the banks referred to in part (b) and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). Available data are set out in the statement I & II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-3419/82].

(c) Keeping in view the small size of the private sector Indian Banks, which have a limited and localised operational role, the specialised nature of the business of the foreign banks and also the need for reciprocity in the sphere of international banking, nationalisation of these banks is not considered adviseable.

Representation from Foam Mattings of India Limited, Alleppy

965. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPA-LAN: Will the Minister of COM-MERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he has received any representation from the Foam Mattings of Inida Limited, Alleppy a public sector undertakings for giving subsidy or cash incentive to its products which are being sent abroad and are facing difficulties as a new product;
- (b) when did the Ministry receive the representation; and
- (c) what are the reasons for not taking a decision so far?