

**SETTING UP OF REGIONAL BANK PERSONNEL  
RECRUITMENT BOARD IN BIHAR**

**3378. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Regional Bank Personnel Recruitment Board would soon be set up in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and  
(b). No, Sir.

Does not arise.

**STEEP FALL IN GROSS PROFITS OF NON-  
FINANCIAL AND NON-GOVERNMENT LARGE  
COMPANIES**

**3379. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study covering 433 non-financial and non-Government large companies each with a paid up capital of over Rs. 1 crore shows that the growth rate in gross profits registered a steep fall from 21.3 per cent in 1979-80 to 10.7 per cent in 1980-81; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this steep fall in gross profits?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI  
PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason for the steep fall in gross profits, as per the study of Reserve Bank of India, was that the rate of increase in total expenditure was more marked than in total income. All the main heads of expenditure registered increases, manufacturing expenses rising by 20% and remuneration to employees by 15% as against 14.2% and 11.6% respectively in 1979-80.

**RESTRICTION ON SAFE LOCKERS IN  
NATIONALISED BANKS**

**3380. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASH :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the nationalised banks in India have been instructed not to allow safe deposit lockers to any one who has not made fixed deposits of Rs. 10,000 and more; and

(b) if so, on what basis the instructions were issued ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No,  
Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**DECLINE IN EXPORT OF LOWER GRADE  
MICA**

**3381. SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the defective policy of mica exporting business of MITCO, the mica industry has suffered in the recent few years past;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quantity of mica of different varieties, specially lower grade mica which used to be exported earlier, has gone down and as a result of it, there is a recession in the mica market;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to MITCO's exporting policy, small dealers have adversely suffered and thousands of workers engaged in cottage type mica business have been rendered idle; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take to improve the conditions of the mica industry, specially of those small dealers for whose relief the MITCO was set up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI  
P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been gradual increase in the export of processed mica from the