

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and action being taken for supply of sub-standard gunny bags;

(c) the total number and cost of gunny bags supplied to F.C.I. during the years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 by jute industries; and

(d) the number of complaints received and action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The standard weight of B. Twill Bag of six 43/1/2 x 26/1/2 being produced under E.C. Act is 1005 grams per bag with tolerance (minus 75 grams and plus 100 grams per bag) and with 20 per cent moisture regain. It is a fact that in a few cases bags weighing between 850 grams to 950 grams per bag are being supplied.

(b) A bag of 930 grams with 20 per cent moisture regain is technically acceptable by FCI. If moisture is less in dry areas, the actual weight may be lesser and has to be corrected before concluding whether the bag is sub-standard or not. In case of report of supply of sub-standards bags following action are taken.

(1) Full cost and incidentals of substandard goods are withheld from the firm's Bills.

(2) Joint Inspection is conducted by the ISI consignee and the firm concerned.

(3) The Firm is made to replace the supplies by goods of acceptable quality.

(4) ISI has been asked to enforce strict quality control.

(c) The requisite information is given below:—

Year	Quantity purchased (In Bales)	Total cost (Rs. in crores)
1978-79	2,32,935	27.99
1979-80	2,82,085	42.19
1980-81	3,68,242	49.55
1981-82	2,19,892	30.09

(d) No complaint was received during the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81. During 1981-82 complaints were received against 10,351 bales only. Out of these 1598 bales were accepted in joint inspection, 1191 bales were replaced by the firms concerned. A proposal is under consideration of FCI to accept the remaining 7562 bales with suitable reduction in price.

Setting up of Spinning Mills

4093. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made to increase the setting up of spinning mills in different States;

(b) if so, how many spinning mills have been set up in the State of Orissa during the last two years; and

(c) the programme of Government in 1982-83 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The setting up of spinning mills upto a capacity of 50,000 spindles has been delicensed. Government of India has no proposal to set up spinning mills of its own in different States.

(b) & (c). During the Sixth Five Year Plan five co-operative spinning mills are expected to be set up in Orissa with assistance from the National Co-

operative Development Corporation. None of these spinning mills has as yet gone into production.

D.A. to Assam Government Employees at Central Rates

4094. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Assam State Government has any proposal to sanction Central rates of Dearness Allowance;

(b) what is the gap between the D. A. the State employees are getting and the Central rate of D.A. in different categories of employees;

(c) whether the Central Government are thinking of implementing the Central rates of D.A. for the Assam State Government employees when a majority of the States have implemented the same; and

(d) if so, when it will be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a)

(d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

पटना जिले में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों द्वारा
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4095. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पटना जिले में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की शाखाओं की संख्या क्या है ;

(ख) वर्ष 1980-81 और 1981-82 के दौरान इन राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की जमा धनराशियों का पृथक्-पृथक् व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) पटना जिले में इन बैंकों में से प्रत्येक बैंक ने कितनी धनराशि के ऋण दिए ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्रि (श्री जनार्दन पृजारी) : (क) जून, 1982 के अन्त की स्थिति के मुताबिक बिहार के पटना जिले में सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों का 191 शाखाएं कार्यरत थीं ।

(ख) और (ग). जमाराशियों तथा अग्रिमों के सम्बन्ध में सभी अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों के जिलेवार आंकड़े उपलब्ध हैं । दिसम्बर, 1981 के वास्ते पटना जिले के सम्बन्ध में ताजा आंकड़े तथा दिसम्बर, 1980 के वास्ते समनु रूप आंकड़े नीचे दिये गये हैं :--

निम्नलिखित वर्षों के अन्तिम शुक्रवार की स्थिति के मुताबिक	सूचित करने वाले अधिकारियों की संख्या	जमाराशियां	ऋण (करोड़ रुपये)
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