

names of the main countries to which opium was exported during 1981-82, the quantity that was exported, and

the rupee equivalent of the foreign exchange earned from these exports, are as follows:—

Name of the country	Quantity (in tonnes)	Rupee equivalent of the foreign exchange earned (provisional rounded in lakhs)
U.S.S.R.	200	489 (excluding sale proceeds of 75 tonnes received during 1982-83)
U.S.A.	166.7	566
France	79.5	245
U.K.	49	205
Japan	40	160

(b) The area under opium poppy cultivation in different States in India during the crop year 1981-82 as under:—

Name of State	Area licensed (in hectares)	Area harvested
Madhya Pradesh	16430	14977
Rajasthan	10433	10043
Uttar Pradesh	8540	6938
	35403	31958

(c) and (d). There is no major change in the opium poppy cultivation policy for the crop year 1982-83. The over supply of opiate raw materials in the world, decline in our exports, and accumulation of large stocks have necessitated reduction in the area for such cultivation. However no reduction is being made in the case of farmers having small holdings upto 20 Acres a 10% cut is being made only in the case of farmers having bigger holdings.

IDBI Report of Development of Banking in India

4141. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the well developed States attracted a large chunk of financial aid whereas less developed State were stantionced less which is revealed from the IDBI'S annual report on development banking in India for 1981-82; and

(b) what are the reasons for the distinction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) and (b). The all India term lending Financial Institutions, including the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), do not make State-wise allocation of funds for assistance to industrial units. Flow of assistance from the financial institutions to any particular State is essentially determined by the number of application for assistance received from the State which in turn depends on the level of entrepreneurial activity in different States, and locational decision of the entrepreneurs. The locational decision of the entrepreneurs is determined by factors such as availability of raw material, skilled labour, power supply, basic infra-structural facilities and proximity to market. The financial institutions extend assistance in accordance with national priorities, to projects which are found economically and financially viable and technically feasible. Incidentally, the latest IDBI Report on Development Banking in India relates to the year 1980-81.

News Re: North-East India Gently Moving Eastward

4142. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY:

SHRI T. S. NEGI:

SHRI BHIM SINGH:

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been the press reports appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 4th October, 1982 in which it has been stated that North-East India is gently moving eastward and is dipping under Burma, according to an analysis of the data of earthquakes that had taken place in the region during the last 75 years;

(b) whether it has also been stated that India plateau is dipping to 200

kilometers gently beneath the Burmese plateau at an angle of 25 to 40 degree; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The geological movement of the Indian plateau has been taking place over a long time. This has been associated with earthquakes in northeast India. Precautions for mitigating earthquake risk in the region have been initiated through Ministry of Home Affairs Northeast Council, Shillong in the last few years. Publicity material has been brought out by the Director of Civil Defence and Commandant General, Home Guard, Government of Assam to educate the public on measures to be taken in the event of an earthquake. Brochures on this subject have been distributed to State Agencies.

Modernisation of Jute Mills

4143. SHRI HARSHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jute mills modernisation programme has been started in some jute mills;

(b) if so, the number and the name of the jute mills where such modernisation programme has been started; and

(c) the progress made in modernising those jute mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). Modernisation of Jute Industry started as far back in early fifties by way of replacing old rove spinning spindle by silver spinning spindles. Out of 72 jute mills units, 67 units have replaced their rove spindles by silver