

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

spinning spindles. The replacement is confined mostly to the preparatory sections and drawing and spinning sections in the mills. In the weaving and the finishing sections the progress of modernisation in Jute industry is negligible.

The nationalised units of NJMC have taken up a modernisation programme of replacement/renovation and also installation of D. G. sets to re-coup losses caused by power failure. Several private mills, also have imported and installed new technology machines for diversification in the areas of manufacture of decorative fabrics and high grade yarn..

In the context of the socio-economic structure prevailing in India, modernisation of Jute industry have been confined to replacement of old/delapped machinery by the new machines of existing technology and renovation of installed machinery of existing technology only. Modernisation in the sense of capital-intensive, superior technology and of labour-saving nature has not taken place in jute industry, nor is it possible to introduce such new technology machines which would result in reduction in employment.

बम्बई बंदरगाह में सीमाशुल्क अपवंचन

4144. श्री दत्तोप सिंह सूरिया :
क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1981-82 के दौरान बम्बई समुद्र बंदरगाह में सीमाशुल्क अपवंचन के कितने मामले हुए हैं और कुल कितनी मात्रा में माल जब्त किया गया है ;

(ख) इन मामलों में अन्तर्गत कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) क्या इन मामलों में समुद्र पत्तन अधिकारियों की भी साठ-गाठ है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पट्टाभि रामा राव) : (क) में (ग) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Loss Incurring Public Sector Units

4145. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new public sector units which have shown loss during 1981-82; and

(b) the remedial steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAT TABHI RAMA RAO): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to those enterprises which have been either newly incorporated or taken over by the Government or have otherwise become Government companies and which have come into existence and have become operational in the recent past.

The detailed assessment of profitability of the Central public sector enterprises during the year 1981-82 based on the audited accounts in the "Public Enterprises Survey for 1981-82" will be placed before the Parliament in the ensuing Budget Session. However, as per a quick assessment on provisional data, it is seen that new public sector enterprises incorporated or taken over by the Government during the last 3