

Non-advancing of credit to small units by various Branches of Banks in Bihar

887. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab National Bank, Bank of India, State Bank, Central Bank etc. have directed their branches at Madhubani, Beeripatti, Darbhanga, Jaley, Baheri, Bharwara (Singhbara), Jay Nagar and other places in the districts of Madhubani and Darbhanga in Bihar not to advance any credit to small industrial units including those for self-employment;

(b) if so, the details there-about, with reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons for refusing credit to Thermometer, Brick-Kiln, oil producing industries, poultry-goatery farms etc. and whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) All the four banks have reported that they have not issued such directives to their branches in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All bank branches including those in districts of Madhubani and Darbhanga of Bihar have been advised to consider viable proposals received from small scale units including these for self-employment and provide need based loans.

Export Target of Engineering Goods

888 SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of export of engineering goods for the year 1982-83;

(b) the name of the countries to whom the engineering goods are being exported;

(c) the amount of engineering goods exported during the period April-June 1982 (first quarter); and

(d) what measures are being taken to increase the export of engineering goods in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The target of export of engineering goods for the year 1982-83 has been fixed at Rs. 1400 crores.

(b) Engineering goods are exported to almost all the countries of the world: in South East Asia, West Asia, Africa, East Europe, West Europe, America, Carribean Islands, Australia and New Zealand.

(c) The export of engineering goods from India during April-June, 1982 is estimated at Rs. 215 crores.

(d) Apart from assisting export promotion organisations like the Engineering Export Promotion Council in sending trade delegations, study teams and sales teams, inviting foreign delegations, arranging conferences abroad, mounting publicity campaigns, opening foreign offices and participating in trade fairs/exhibitions, a number of other steps have been taken by the Government for promoting exports of engg. goods. Some of these steps are as follows:

(i) A scheme for supply of steel and pig iron on priority basis to engineering exporters has been in operation.

(ii) Domestic steel prices were increased in February, 1981. It has been decided that in respect of subsisting contracts, the difference between the pre-increase price and post increase price of steel and pig