

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available data the growth of India's overall exports during 1980-81 was 8.9 per cent as against a growth of 12.8 per cent in 1979-80 and 6.0 per cent in 1978-79. The growth of exports during 1980-81 was hampered by the poor performance of Indian Economy in 1979-80 and the first half of 1980-81 under the effects of drought and characterised by low production levels, lack of infrastructural facilities for export production and domestic inflation. The resultant domestic shortage also necessitated higher imports essential commodities which inflated the import bill. The international environment was also not conducive to growth of exports following world recession, prevalence of fluctuating exchange rate and new type of tariff, non-tariff and other protectionist measures followed by developed countries.

The decline in India's share in World Exports is a product of various factors. The strategy of Industrial Development in the country during 1950s and 1960s laid a special stress on import substitution. Formerly a number of raw and semi-processed items of agro-based nature used to be exported from India in substantial quantities but in the process of development the export of such items declined since these were increasingly required for consumption in domestic industry. Consequently, there was a slow down in the growth of exports during these periods. Further to these, there were other external factors such as emergence of new competitors and development of various synthetic substitutes in International Market which adversely affected India's share in World Exports. Besides, the last few years have witnessed enormous growth in the World Trading of fuel, fertilizers, etc., which also affected India's share in World Trade. It is however, gratifying to note that with expansion of industrial base in the country several new items of Engineer-

ing & Other Manufactures have emerged in our export trade and with their further step-up it is hoped that the share of India's exports would improve in the coming years.

(c) According to "International Financial Statistics" India's share in World Exports was 0.4 per cent in 1981 as in 1980.

Slow down of growth in STC's Exports of Non-Traditional Manufactured Items.

935. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recession in Western markets has slowed down the growth in STC's exports of non-traditional manufactured items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that fashion garments, light engineering goods like casting and fasteners and leather garments are finding increasing buyer's resistance; and

(c) if so, what were the target fixed for export of non-traditional manufactured items for 1982-83 and how far these have been achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The target for export of non-traditional manufactured items during 1982-83 is Rs. 165 crores. The achievement during April-September, 1982 has been Rs. 46 crores.

Ingenious money distribution system in Banks

936. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the know-how of the West German firm (Siemens) which has devised an ingenious money distribution system to frustrate attempts by bank robbers to loot banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that the new system will also protect cashiers against armed attacks;

(d) whether Government propose to bring out this system in all the banks in the country; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (e). Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has no information regarding the money distribution system stated to have been devised by the West German firm Siemens which will prevent attempts by bank robbers to loot banks. Information in this regard is, however, being gathered.

Selling of Imported Rotton Wheat marked as Cattle Feed

937. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported rotten wheat marked as Cattle Feed is now being sold at fair price shops;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps taken to improve the quality of rationed stuff and making their availability easy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) As reported by Delhi Administration, no complaint to this effect has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A check is kept both by the Food Corporation of India and the State Governments to see that the foodgrains issued through the public distribution system are of proper quality. Sealed sample of the foodgrains stock issued to a fair-price shop is given to the latter for display at the shop for the satisfaction of

the consumers. As regards availability allocations to the States are made after keeping in view the stocks in the Central Pool and the demands made by the respective State.

Present stage of Skylark Project in Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli

938. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of implementation of Project Skylark in Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) by what time this project is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). Action for acquisition of land for the Project Skylark in Tirunelveli District, Tamilnadu is in progress. Technical details of the Project are being finalised before its actual implementation is taken up.

बैंक डकैतियां

939. श्री कृष्ण दत्त सुल्तानपुरी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान पड़ी बैंक डकैतियों की संख्या राज्य वार कितनी है और इन बैंकों से डाकुओं ने कुल कितनी धनराशि लूटी है ; और

(ख) डाकुओं/लुटेरों के विरुद्ध सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1981 तथा 1982 (30-9-82 तक) के दौरान हुई बैंक डकैतियों/लूटपाटों की राज्यवार संख्या तथा इनमें अन्तर्ग्रस्त रशि और जिन मामलों में अपराधी पकड़ लिए गए हैं उनकी संख्या तथा उनसे बरामद की गई रकम को दर्शाने वाले विवरण संलग्न हैं ।