

**Export of woollen blankets to Uganda
as part of credit facilities**

4640. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been informed of the fact that an air consignment of 60,000 Indian-made woollen blankets booked by Pan American for Entenbe, Uganda landed in Brussels;

(b) whether this was part of an export order as part of the Rs. 25 crore credit facility extended to Uganda by Government of India; and

(c) if so, the detail and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) According to information available from Wool and Woollen Export Promotion Council, one consignment of 60,000 blanket meant for export to Uganda got off-loaded at Brussels. It is also understood from the said Council that this Consignment was part of the 365 day credit facility available to Uganda.

(c) According to available information the case is being pursued by the Indian party with the concerned Airlines.

**Medical facilities to general reserve
engineer force (GREF) personnel**

641. SHRI MANOHARLAL SAINI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state how many GREF personnel have died so far in accidents and due to lack of medical care during the course of the last three years with full details thereof together with the amount of compensation paid to the bereaved families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Fall in export of ready-made
garments**

4642. SHRI BHEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade with foreign countries in ready-made garments has shown a steep fall during the last year; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the clumsy picture has been created due to stoppage of cash assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) There has been some decline in the export of ready-made garments from India during the period April—Dec. 1982 as compared to export of these items in the corresponding period of 1981. During the period April—Dec. 1982 exports of garments amounted to Rs. 428.39 crores (provisional) the corresponding figure for the period April—Dec. 1981 was Rs. 463.75 crores.

(b) No, Sir. Cash compensatory support on many categories of ready-made garments continues to be available. The recessionary trend in the economies of major importing countries and changes in the demand pattern are said to be largely responsible for the current decline.

**J.M.G. scale-I officers in De'hi/New
Delhi branches of State Bank of
India**

4643. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3383 on 30th July, 1982, regarding instructions issued by Central Office of State Bank of India, Bombay, to Chief General Managers and state:

(a) total number of J.M. G. Scale-I officers in the Delhi/New Delhi branches and other offices of the bank in Delhi/New Delhi of State Bank of India;

(b) number of those belonging to SC/ST communities among them;

(c) whether reserved quota of J.M.G. Scale-I for Delhi| New Delhi Offices of State Bank of India has been filled and is complete;

(d) if not, the reasons for transferring all the newly promoted JMG Scale-I officers belonging to SC/ST communities out of Delhi/New Delhi, and

(e) special steps taken or being taken to call back all the SC/ST JMG Scale-I officers to Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information regarding the total number of JMG Scale-I officers including those belonging to Scheduled Caste|Scheduled Tribe (SC|ST) in Delhi| New Delhi branches and other offices of the State Bank of India is as follows:—

	Gen.	SC/ST	Total
(i) Number of officers working at Delhi New Delhi Branches.	1402	48	1450
(ii) Number of officers working at other places.	2414	73	2487
TOTAL	3816	121	3937

(c), (d) and (e) The Bank has reported that as per its scheme of reservation for SC/ST in promotion, the reservation is worked out for the circle as a whole and, therefore, there is no question of having a separate reserved quota for these employees in Delhi|New Delhi branches. The State Bank of India has reported that all the new promotees, including SC|ST, were sent out of Delhi without any discrimination. In terms of the transfer policy of the Bank, an officer transferred out of Delhi on promotion can be brought back to Delhi on completion of the stipulated period and subject to availability of vacancy.

The posting of the employees after promotion is made according to the transfer policy of the Bank which is uniformly applicable to all the employees including those belonging to SC/ST communities.

Facilities to people going on pilgrimage in India

4644. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Tourism Ministry has not provided train facilities, such as fare concession, accommodation and transport to a number of people of India going on pilgrimage or to fairs in India throughout the year; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the people going on pilgrimage in India as tourists, and provide some facilities to them by giving them concession by the Railways considering them on the same level as other passengers are given facilities various forms' are provided to the passengers by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Train facilities are in existence and are provided by the Ministry of Railways. As a matter of policy, no concession is