

iron ore from Paradip Port. A trail order for export of 30,000 tonnes of iron ore to China has also been negotiated by MMTC. As against originally anticipated, export of about 7 lakh tonnes of iron ore through Paradip. MMTC expects to achieve exports of about 9 lakh tonnes from the port during 1983-84.

- (ii) MMTC has agreed to compensate buyers for higher incidence of freight involved in lifting are from Paradip by giving discounts in prices.
- (iii) The possibility and economic viability of two port loading, i.e. initial loading at Paradip and uptopping at Madras Port, is being examined by MMTC.
- (iv) Iron ore handling facilities at Paradip Port have been substantially improved recently, at considerable cost.
- (v) Night navigation has been introduced to handle vessels during night time.

- (vi) Government of Orissa in consultation with the Ministry of Shipping & Transport are examining the possibility of locating a transhipper-cum-dredger at Paradip Port to augment the loading capacity of the port and to find continuing solution to the problem of siltation.

**Backlog of Scheduled Caste/
Scheduled Tribe In Central
Bank of India**

2890. SHRI T. NAGARATNAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the backlog of SC/ST vacancies under State service including Chief Cashier's post in Lucknow, Central Bank of India Region, selection area-wise, category-wise and department-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : As reported by the Central Bank of India the information as on 30-6-1983 is given below :—

Selection area in Lucknow Region	Backlog in Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe vacancies as on 30-6-1983.			
	Sub-Acct's post in State service		Chief Cashier's post	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
Lucknow	7	5	8	3
Kanpur	8	4	3	1
Meerut	7	5	3	1
Agra	1	1	2	—