

(e) Shri G.N. Chandrasekharaiah, a private party who was the highest tender has been asked to take over the portage licence at Bangalore airport after fulfilling the requisite formalities.

(f) The reasons are given in the reply to part (b) of the Question.

Details of terms and conditions are being obtained from the Aerodrome Officer, Bangalore and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(g) The Bangalore Airport Service Cooperative Society, Bangalore was one of tenders for the portage licence at Bangalore airport.

(h) and (i) Of the four tenders received, the highest offer was from a private party viz. Shri G.N. Chandrasekharaiah who quoted a licence fee of Rs- 24,000/- per month while the offer of the Society at Rs. 12,000/- per month was the lowest. It was accordingly decided to offer the portage licence to the highest bidder, Shri G.N. Chandrasekharaiah. The licence has been validly offered to Shri Chandrasekharaiah.

Closure of Cooperative Jute Mill in Silghat Assam -

4619. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the first cooperative jute mill set up in Silghat in the District of Nawgong, Assam has been declared closed sometime back ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to re-open the mill ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes.

(b) As the mill functions under the State Government of Assam, it is for them to take appropriate action in the matter.

Filling up of Vacancies of 'B' Grade Managers by Punjab National Bank

4620. SHRI HIRALAL R. PARMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(b) The total number of vacancies for the post of 'H' Grade Managers (Middle management grade II) filled up since nationalisation upto January 1984, year-wise on the basis of seniority from the officers in Jr. management grade by Punjab National Bank according to roster ; and

(b) The number of vacancies of 'B' grade managers, to be filled up during the year 1984 and number of them filled up upto 1 August, 1984 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

(b) Punjab National Bank have reported that according to their estimate approximately 500 vacancies of Grade, 'B' Managers (Middle Management Grade Scale-II) are required to be filled during the year 1984. A panel of 247 officers has already been released by the bank. For the remaining vacancies, the process of selection is still continuing.

Term Loan Assistance from IDBI to Units of Cooperative Spinning Mills

4621. SHRI BHOUSAHER THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether out of the units of cooperative spinning mills assisted by the National Co-operative Development Corporation/18 projects are to get

term-loan assistance from IDBI during the Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to assist these units and when those will be cleared by the IDBI ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) 16 applications from cooperative spinning mills assisted by NCDC are pending with the institutions.

(b) IDBI has reported that precessing of 11 applications will be taken up during the current financial year in a phased manner.

Increase in Illegal Narcotics Trade

4622. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the illegal narcotics trade in the southern parts of India;

(b) if so, the number of arrests and seizures made during the past one year and the amount involved in each case;

(c) whether Government have any information to the effect that some international narcotics smuggling gang is active in India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA) : (a) There has been some increase in the seizures of hashish and ganja during the first six months of 1984 in the southern parts of India, as against the seizures of these drugs in 1982 and 1983. However, there has been a decline in the quantity of opium seized during the same period in this region, as compared to the quantity seized in 1983.

(b) The number of persons arrested, seizures made and the quantity of Narcotic Drugs seized in the southern parts of India i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Deman & Diu, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Pondicherry and Dadar & Nagar Haveli during the calender year 1983 is given below :—

	No. of cases	Quantity seized in Kgs.	Number of persons arrested
Opium	18	620.765	17
Ganja	233	3666.785	270
Charas	29	24.058	29
Morphine	4	0.093	8
		(+) 177 Amps.	
		(+) 10 Amps. of	
		Morphine Atropine	
Heroin	12	0.296	14