

give assistance only to public limited companies, while the Industrial Finance Corporation of India can give only to limited companies and most of the small-scale units operate in the form of partnership concerns. Unit Trust of India does not grant loans and also does not provide any form of financial assistance to small scale industries. As the Industrial Development Bank of India refines loan by other institutions, it does not normally lend direct assistance to small scale units and the Development Banks assistance to small scale units is indirect by way of refinance to the lending institutions. The Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, however, gives foreign currency loans to small scale industries. The required information relating to assistance to small scale industries and the other industries by these institutions is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4536/73].

Advance by Nationalised Banks to Owners of Fair Price Foodgrain Shops sponsored by State Governments

3722. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nationalised Banks are giving advances to owners of fair price foodgrain shops sponsored by State Governments;

(b) if so, the criteria for giving the loans, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):

(a) Nationalised banks provide credit to fair price shops dealing in foodgrains in accordance with their normal procedures.

(b) and (c). With a view to financing of foodgrain distribution through fair price shops sponsored by Govern-

ment the Reserve Bank of India has completely exempted from the provisions of its Selective Credit Control Advances made by the Scheduled Commercial banks against the rationed foodgrains.

नेपाल को इस्पात का निर्यात

नेपाल

3723. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत से नेपाल को कितना इस्पात निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) क्या नेपाल जापान से भी भारी मात्रा में इस्पात का आयात करता है; और

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों में जापान को कितना कच्चा लोहा निर्यात किया गया ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) 1971-72 के दौरान 27 लाख ६० मूल्य का 2000 मे० टन स्टील भारत से नेपाल भेजा गया ।

(ख) उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार नेपाल, जापान से भी स्टील का आयात कर रहा है ।

(ग) 1970-71 तथा 1971-72 के दौरान भारत से जापान को ढले लोहे सहित कच्चे लोहे के निर्यात निम्नोक्त प्रकार थे :—

वर्ष	मात्रा	मूल्य
	मे० टन	लाख ६०
1970-71	4,18,000	1882
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