

Loan advanced by consortium of Delhi Banks for power projects in U.P.

5329. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consortium of Delhi Banks had advanced a loan of Rs. 5 crores for power projects in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this was done under specific guidelines given to the banks for grant of loans for State projects; and

(c) whether similar loans are proposed to be granted or various projects in different States, and if so, the names thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to the directive issued by the Reserve Bank on 21st March, 1973, prior authorisation of the Reserve Bank is required under the Credit Authorisation Scheme before the scheduled commercial banks could make advances to public sector undertakings including State Electricity Boards.

Indo-Czechoslovakia Agreement for supply of Iron ore

5330. SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Czechoslovakia long-term agreement for the supply of iron ore has been signed in February, 1973; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement envisages export of a total quantity of 21 lakh tonnes spread over the 2 years from May, 1974. The price, specifications, shipping schedules and other terms are to be negotiated annually

Fish Export

5331. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL: SHRI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fish exported during the last three years, year-wise and quantity-wise;

(b) the name of the States from which exported; and

(c) the names of the countries to which exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The total quantity of fish exported during 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 were of the order of 29,500; 32,300 and 32,700 tonnes respectively.

(b) Bulk of the fish products is exported from Kerala followed by Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, etc.

(c) U.S.A. and Japan take the bulk of our canned and frozen marine products, followed by West European countries like Belgium, France, U.K., West Germany, Denmark. Sri Lanka is the major market for dried fish.

Survey for improvement in export of Fish

5332. SHRI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done by Government to improve the export of fish; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?