

(b) how many applications were made, District-wise, during June, 1972 to June, 1973;

(c) whether tribal and Scheduled Caste applicants are not given any loan by the branches of nationalised banks in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) to (d). The available information relating to the district wise outstanding advances of nationalised banks in the State of West Bengal as on the last Friday of December, 1972 is given below :

District	*Amount outstanding (Rs.lakhs)
1. Bankura	59
2. Birbhum	55
3. Burdwan	569
4. Calcutta	36,909
5. Cooh-Behar	25
6. Darjeeling	140
7. Hooghly	198
8. Howrah	676
9. Jalpaiguri	315
10. Malda	21
11. Midnapore	232
12. Murshidabad	66
13. Nadia	195
14. Purulia	41
15. 24-Parganas	739
16. West Dinajpur	38
TOTAL	40.279

* Figures are provisional.

The data maintained by the commercial banks do not provide for such classification as loans to tribal and scheduled castes etc. Nor does there currently exist any system of tabulating on overall basis information in regard to the number of applications received.

Loan given by Nationalised Banks to Agriculturists of West Bengal having less than five bighas of land

5797. SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE :
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nationalised banks have given loans to agriculturists of West Bengal having less than five bighas of land during the last two years;

(b) whether loans have been given to the persons having more than five bighas of land; and

(c) the names of the banks which gave loans indicating the total amount of loan given by each of them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) :

(a) to (c). The Nationalised banks as well as the State Bank of India have in fact been giving loans to agriculturists in West Bengal having land holdings upto 2.5 acres and above. As per provisional figures received from the Reserve Bank of India, the total outstandings of direct advances given by Nationalised banks in West Bengal to agriculturists having land holdings upto 2.5 acres were Rs. 99.11 lakhs, the number of accounts being 18343.

The total outstandings of direct advances to agriculturists given by Nationalised banks in West Bengal as at the end of March 1972 and March 1973 were as follows:—

	Rs.
March, 1972.	7.89 crores
March, 1973.	13.50 crores (Provisional)

The figures are exclusive of advances given by the State Bank of India.

Persons arrested on charges of smuggling in Calcutta

5798. SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE :
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of persons who were arrested on charges of smuggling in Calcutta during the last 3 years but not prosecuted and the reason therefor?