

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. After nationalisation of banks, the commercial banks have been extending substantial credit in rural areas. The Central Government has also set up Regional Rural Banks

which are intended mainly to cater to the credit needs of the rural community.

(b) Advances granted by scheduled commercial banks to agriculture and other priority sectors in Haryana as at the last Friday of June 1975 are as given below

(Provisional)
(Amounts in lakhs of Rs.)

	No. of Accounts	Limits Sanctioned	Balance Outstanding
Agriculture	60620	5046.49	2467.29
Small Scale Industries	4826	5221.27	3127.17
Road and Water Transport Operators	1473	371.42	223.22
Retail Trade	5215	327.44	233.60
Small Business	2483	65.68	57.04
Professional and Self-employed Persons	2668	62.93	43.16
Education	42	1.57	1.29
Total	77327	11029.80	6152.77

According to the latest available information, the total amount advanced by Haryana Kshetriya Gramin Bank, which is one of the Regional Rural Banks in Haryana, as at the end of March 1976 amounted to Rs 10.48 lakhs. Another bank has been opened in Gurgaon district very recently. Information, regarding advances proposed to be granted by the banks during the current financial year is not available.

Role of handicrafts and handloom Exports Corporation of India

3078. SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the names of the States where role of the Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India has been very active?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation has been playing an active role for the development of exports of handicrafts and handlooms from almost all the States in the country.

Glut in Cloth Market

3080 SHRIMATI ROZA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that since the presentation of budget there is a big glut in cloth market;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) Government's reaction on it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) The present position in the cloth market does not indicate any glut.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Missing of cash from a Bank counter in Parliament Street, New Delhi

3081. SHRIMATI ROZA DESHPANDE:

SHRI C K CHANDRAPPAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Rs. 30,000 in cash was found missing from the counter of a bank in Parliament Street on 6th April, 1976; and

(b) if so, the facts of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):

(a) and (b). Bank of Baroda has reported that on 6th April, 1976 a shortage of cash of Rs. 30,000 was reported by one of the Cashiers at its New Delhi Parliament Street Branch. The bank has reported the case to the police and police investigations are in progress. The bank has also kept under suspension the Cashier concerned.

REI directions to Banks for export credit

3082 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the response so far to the directions given by Reserve Bank of India to banks to give priority for export credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):

Commercial banks have been accord- ing high priority in the matter of pro- viding bank cre' to the export sector at a lower rate of interest. The amount of export credit advanced by commercial banks has also substan- tially increased in the last 5 years. A' against an amount of Rs. 322 crore; outstanding as at the end of March, 1970 in respect of export credit, the outstandings as at the end of January 1976 increased to Rs. 870 crores.

Night services of Banks in Delhi

3083 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether some of the banks have launched night services in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the results of such servi- ces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN- CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The results of the night/evening services are reported to be satisfactory.

Trade agreement between India and Pakistan

3084 SHRI P R. SHENOY Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether a trade agreement bet- ween India and Pakistan has been signed in January, 1976; and

(b) if so, the salient features there- of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) and (b). No Trade Agreement has been signed between India and Pakis- tan in January 1976. However, in pursuance of the earlier Agreement of