

had also announced the Kar Vivad Samadhan Scheme to reduce litigation and to effect recovery of the dues. These efforts have helped to check the rising trend in arrears.

[English]

#### Reserved Posts in IDBI

3810. SHRI JOGENDRA KAWADE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of total employees in the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and strength of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees among them;

(b) whether there is any backlog of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs;

(c) if so, the details thereof, post-wise;

(d) whether the IDBI proposes to fill up these posts through special recruitment drive; and

(e) if so, the time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that the total number of employees of IDBI and strength of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees among them as on 31st December, 1998 is as under :

Total No. of Employees	2975
No. of S.C. Employees	616
No. of S.T. Employees	181

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs and STs as on December 31, 1998 are 18 and 30 respectively.

(d) and (e) IDBI does not propose to initiate any special recruitment drive. However, it proposes to make vigorous efforts to clear the backlog as early as possible at the time of regular recruitments.

[Translation]

#### Export of Soft Drinks

3811. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of soft drinks being exported at present from the country ;

(b) the names of the cold drinks exported during the last two years, country-wise; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned through exports of soft drinks ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMA-KRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) The Soft drinks being exported from the country are mainly based on mango, orange, lemon, pineapple and litchi. The exports have been mainly to USA, UK, Japan, the Netherlands, Denmark, Canada, Germany, Russia, Jordan, UAE, South Africa, Bangladesh and Bhutan. The countrywise details of exports are available in the Foreign Trade Statistics of India—Monthly/Annual Bulletins published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI and S), Calcutta. copies of which are kept in the Parliament Library.

(c) The foreign exchange earned through the exports of soft drinks based on mango, orange, lemon, pineapple and litchi, etc. during 1996-97 and 1997-98 are as follows :-

Year	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1996-97	335.11
1997-98	898.06

(Source : APEDA/DGCI&S, Calcutta)

[English]

#### Export of Tea to Pakistan

3812. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pakistan, which is the third largest consumer of tea in the world, is importing tea from African countries, resulting in annual burden of \$ 100 million on the country;

(b) if so, whether there are good prospects of India for exporting tea to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMA-KRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) Pakistan on an average imports around 65 million kgs. of tea annually from African countries valued at US \$ 120 million.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Import of tea by Pakistan is around 110 Million Kgs. per year. India's share in the overall import of tea by Pakistan is nominal. India's export of tea to Pakistan increased from 0.32 Mn. Kgs in 1991 to 1.90 Mn. Kgs in 1997. Keeping in view the overall size of the Pakistan tea market, there appears to be good prospect for increasing our exports to that country.

#### Revival of Hindustan Photo Films

3813. SHRI V. K. CHINNASAMY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Photo Films at Ooty in Tamil Nadu is under BIFR for revival;