

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. M/s. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI). Japan placed an order on BHEL for supply of one 700 HP Diesel Electric shunting Locomotive for their Fertilizer Project in Malaysia.

(c) Sale price of the locomotive was US \$ 4,90,000. Full payment has been received.

#### **Loan to Assam**

2703. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced any specific amount for relief to the Government of Assam from the burden of repayment of special term loans granted in the context of militancy; and

(b) if so, the details of the relief amount announced and is being implemented in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) The question does not arise as no special term loans were granted to the Government of Assam in the context of militancy.

#### **Grants to Exporters of Handlooms/Handicrafts**

2704. DR. SAROJA V. : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government provide grants to the exporters for the export of handloom cloth and handicrafts;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the amount of grants provided to them during each of the last three years; state-wise;

(c) whether the Government have also identified any bogus agencies which have been receiving such grants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government against them ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

*[Translation]*

#### **Bank Loans**

2705. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of loan given by various nationalised banks during 1998-99, so far;

(b) the amount of loan recovered during the said year; and

(c) the estimated loan recovery yet to be made by the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) The outstanding bank credit of nationalised banks during 1998-99 upto January 15, 1999 was Rs. 172711.8 crore.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[English]*

#### **Contribution by Private Banks in RIDF**

2706. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI :

SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "RBI asks 9 private Banks to deposit Rs. 562 crores in RIDF" appearing in the Indian Express dated October 18, 1998;

(b) if so, the names of banks which have defaulted in the matter and the action the Government propose to take against such banks, bank-wise; .

(c) whether the private sector banks have also not achieved the laid down target in distributing loans under IRDP, PMRY and other rural related schemes of the Union Government;

(d) if so, the reasons for not following the instructions of the Reserve Bank of India by private banks; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against those private banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that nine private sector banks which had not achieved the priority sector lending target of 40 percent of net bank credit as on March 1998 had been asked to allocate amounts equivalent to the entire shortfall for contribution to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) -IV. The details of the banks and the amounts allocated are given below: