

Loan from IDBI for Modernisation scheme of N.T.C. (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta.

*486. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of credit advanced by the industrial Development Bank of India towards the modernisation schemes of the National Textile, Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta during the last three financial years ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that due to excessive delay on the part of IDBI, the schemes for modernisation of the units under the NTC (WBABO) Ltd., could not be implemented in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) IDBI released Rs. 121 lakhs to NTC (WBABO) during this period.

(b) No, Sir.

Loans to Small and Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers by Nationalised Banks

*487. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank has instructed all the nationalised banks to sanction loans to the small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers upto Rs. 3,000/- only on personal security ; and

(b) if so, the number of families given such loans in 1983-84 and 1984-85, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir. Upto Rs. 5000/- banks are required not to ask for any collateral security at all for crop loans and term loans except for hypothecation of crops or asset created out of loan.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal to Review the Exchange Control Policy

488. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a working group to review the exchange orders issued to large industrial/business houses during 1984-85 ; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to review the entire exchange control policy for large houses ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Government have no such proposal under consideration.

Computerisation Programme for Steel Plants

*489. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Information Centre in collaboration with the Steel Authority of India has drawn up Rs. 100 — crore Computerisation Programme for the steel plants ?

(b) if so, the details of the proposed plan ; and

(c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Plans for installing an integrated computerisation system in Bhilai Steel Plant are being prepared by the Steel Authority of India in collaboration with Department of Electronics and other concerned Government agencies. Computers are also being introduced in limited areas in other steel plants.