

(In million pieces)

	Production		Supplies to RBI	
	1983-84	1984-85	1983-84	1984-85
	(11 months only)		(11 months only)	
Re. 1/- notes	206.31	434.65	225.00	426.00
Rs. 2/- notes	936.17	1336.29	925.00	1325.00

Reserve Bank of India have like-wise stepped up substantially supplies of these denominations during the current year. As such, it is not true that smaller number of Re. 1/- and Rs. 2/- demonination notes are being issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

(e) and (f) : The All India Reserve Bank Employees Association has issued Press Note, a copy of which was submitted to the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Calcutta. No specific solution has been offered by the Association except augmenting production and supply of fresh notes of small denominations. This aspect of the matter is already being taken care of.

#### **Prenationalisation Liabilities of Sick Industries Towards Banks and Financial Institutions**

\*48. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government's insistence on undertaking not only the post take-over liabilities but also the pre-take-over liabilities of banks and financial institutions by State Governments create serious impediments to the policy of gradual nationalisation of sick industries by State Governments ;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to review their recent decision on this matter ;

(c) if so, when ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### **Production and Export of Handloom Cloth**

\*49 SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA :

SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to increase the production of handloom cloth in the country :

(b) the total quantity of cloth produced by handloom industry in the country during the years 1983 and 1984 ;

(c) the value of the handloom cloth exported during the said period; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the export of handloom cloth during the year 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) The policy of the Government is to create organisational infrestructures like cooperatives and the State Handloom Development Corporations to provide a package of incentives for increasing the production in the handloom sector. With this end in view, the weavers in the handloom sector are given financial assistance to enable them to become members of cooperative societies. In addition, assistance is provided towards managerial subsidy for better management of primary cooperative societies, loan and grant assistance for improvement and modernisation of looms in the cooperative sector, share capital assistance to State apex marketing cooperative societies and handloom corporations for increasing procurement from members and enlarging the marketing network, handloom janata cloth scheme for providing sustained employment to weavers and grant of special rebate on the sale

of handloom cloth to make it more competitive. Moreover all mills producing yarn are required to pack at least 50% of their marketable yarn in the form of hanks for supply to handloom sector. Financial assistance is also being given by Central and State Governments for setting up handloom weavers cooperative spinning mills to act as captive source for supply of hank yarn to the handloom sector.

(b) and (c) The figures of production and exports for 1984 are not yet available. However the production and exports for the financial years 1982-83 and 1983-84 are given below :

<b>Production :</b>	
1982-83	3253 million metres
1983-84 (Provisional)	3400 million metres
1984-85 (target)	3700 million metres.

The figures of production are derived from the civil deliveries of hank yarn by the mills.

**Exports :**

1982-83	Rs. 330.89 crores
1983-84 (Provisional)	Rs. 309.39 crores
1984-85 (target)	Rs. 408.00 crores

(d) In order to increase the export of handloom cloth, Vishwakarma exhibitions, Market Orientation Tours, Buyer-Seller Meets, Participation in International Fairs/Exhibitions etc., are being periodically sponsored by the Government. The programme for 1985-86 is being worked out.

**Sanction of Rupees Thirty Crores to Tripura as Recommended by 8th Finance Commission**

\*50 SHRI AJOY BISWAS Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the union Government are aware that due to non-implementation of the recommendation of 8th Finance Commission for the year

1984-85, the Tripura Government will not get Rs 30 crores as special assistance ; and

(b) considering the backwardness of Tripura, whether Government propose to Commission for 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI VISHAWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) The Government have not accepted the recommendations of Finance Commission contained in the final report for the year 1984-85. The question of non-implementation of that report for the year 1984-85 therefore does not arise.

(b) No Sir, However, in view of the backwardness of the State, Central assistance of Rs. 82.47 crores was allocated to the State in the current year for executing a Plan of Rs. 68 crores.

**Exports to USA Affected by Rising Value of Dollars**

\*51 SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government consider that Indian exports to USA will be adversely affected by the rising value of dollar ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps like giving more cash subsidies for other export items particularly hit by the steep rise in dollar value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Appreciation of the US dollar would make Indian exports more competitive and should not adversely affect our exports to the U.S.A.

(b) Does not arise.

**Coal Shortage in West Bengal**

\*52 SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :