

activity in various areas. The available figures of yarn deliveries to the powerloom sector, for the country as a whole, indicate that the production of cloth in the powerloom sector has been maintained during the first half of the current financial year. It is not possible to give any precise estimate about the percentage of powerlooms which may have stopped weaving activity. Government are maintaining a constant watch and taking necessary measures to ensure availability of yarn at reasonable prices to the powerloom sector.

[*Translation*]

#### Appointments in Nationalised Banks

\*120. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any case or cases of bogus appointments in nationalised banks has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the action so far taken against officers making bogus appointments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). In nationalised banks appointments in the Officers' and Clerical Cadre are made through Banking Service Recruitment Boards. In the Subordinate Staff Cadre the appointments are made directly by the Banks. A news-item in "JANA SATTA" dated 6th October, 1987 under the caption "Farzi Niyuktian Karke Vetan Sahab Harapte Rahe", alleging bogus appointments in a branch of the Vijaya Bank, has come to the notice of the Government. The bank has prima facie noted some procedural irregularities in the making of these appointments and is further examining the matter.

[*English*]

#### Export of Silk

\*121. SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum together with value of silk exported during the last two years, year-wise;

(a) how much of it represent finished products and how much as raw silk; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the quantity and improve the quality of silk for export ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). There has been no export of raw silk during the last two years. The quantum and value of finished silk products exported during the last two years are as under :

Year	Quantity (in lakh sq. m.)	Value (Rs. In crores)
1985-86	194.15	159.21
1986-87	243.53	200.01

(c) In order to improve the quality of raw silk, Central Silk Board's Research Institutes are engaged in evolving superior strains of mulberry and silkworm caces. Four bivoltine silkworm races and three high-yielding varieties of mulberry have already been released in the field. In addition, the Central Silk Technological Research Institute has been established in 1983-84 in order to improve post-cocoon technology, including finishing of silk fabrics. Further, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments to increase the quantity of raw silk production, the Central Silk Board extends R & D Support through a country-wide network of Research Institutes, Research Stations, Research-cum-Extension Centres etc. Besides, the Board is also implementing a number of Intensive Sericulture Development Projects.

#### IFC Investment in India and Pakistan

\*123. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :