

- (iii) Imposition of punishment on Conductors/Attendants found responsible for dereliction of duty.

Castor Oil Exports

*378. SHRI VJAY N. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether castor oil exports have shown improvement in the general currency area (GCA);

(b) if so, the countries where castor oil is in great demand;

(c) the steps being taken to further raise its exports; and

(d) the policy of Government regarding grant of Cash compensatory support to all grades of castor oil for export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The countries where castor oil is in great demand are France, Japan, USA, UK, Netherlands, Australia and South Korea.

(c) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5% and REP @ 3% are admissible on export of castor oil (medicinal). Approval has been given for sending a study-cum-sales team for promoting exports of castor oil to GCA countries. STC has also made available counter-trade facilities to exporters of castor oil to GCA.

(d) Cash Compensatory Support on export of a product is given on the basis of cost data details submitted through the concerned Commodity Board/Export Promotion Council. Presently CCS is admissible on export of castor oil medicinal only.

Recruitment of Minority Communities In Banks

*379. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to the public sector banks and the Banking Services Recruitment Boards (BSRBs) to take specific steps to encourage candidates belonging to the minority communities to appear in the Banking Services Examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the public sector banks and the BSRBs in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). In pursuance of Prime Minister's 15-point programme on the welfare of minorities, steps have been taken to encourage candidates belonging to minority communities to appear in the recruitment examinations conducted by the Banking Service Recruitment Boards. These measures are aimed to familiarise the trainees with the methodology etc. of the recruitment tests.

Opening of Bank Branches In Haryana

*380. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of each bank working in the State of Haryana at present;

(b) the names of banks working in the State of Haryana;

(c) whether Government propose to