

plement that programme now? The Minister himself said that the previous Government had not implemented the 20-point programme.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I will answer that question. After all, Government servants follow Government's directives; and the Reserve Bank follows the directives of the Government. And the banks also follow the directives of the Reserve Bank. If the Government has changed its policy, and it has a more liberal policy towards these people, that policy will naturally be implemented. Just because it was not implemented in the past, you cannot assume that it will not be implemented even after we have given the necessary instructions.

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD: It is heartening to hear from the hon. Minister that appropriate action will be taken against defaulting people. Is it in the knowledge of the Minister that there is a powerful movement in the banking sector, to compel people to hand down 2% to 5% first on the table to the staff, and then only take the loan? If so, can the Minister assure us that he will take some action to bring to book those persons who do not give loans to agricultural and weaker sections, and cover up the entire thing in procedural intricacies?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: If the general question is that there is corruption at the lower levels, we will try to put it down. cannot say that there is no corruption at all. But we will try to put down the corruption.

श्री विनास मुत्तमवार: क्या मंत्र महोदय यह बताएंगे कि 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम में खाद्य-उद्योग क्षेत्रों में ऋण देने और लेने का क्या पलिसी है? (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Boosting of Export of Engineering Goods

*250. **DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:** Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES** be pleased to

state:

(a) whether any urgent steps are being taken for boosting up the export of engineering goods; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the more significant measures are: holding of trade fairs and exhibitions, helping exporters in securing necessary inputs for production of goods and assisting them in overcoming transportation and shipping difficulties.

Fixing of target plan to produce Steel Ingots in Public Sector

*251. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target plan to produce steel ingots in the public sector has been prepared by Government for 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for substantial increase in supplies of power and coal during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following table gives the production targets fixed by SAIL, in terms of steel ingots, for the five integrated steel plants in the public sector, as compared to the anticipated production in 1979-80.

Plant	('000 tonnes)	
	Target, 1980-81	Production 1979-80@
Bhilai	2200	2123
Durgapur	1070	892
Rourkela	1460	1271
Bokaro	1820	1424
TISCO	670	580
	7220	6290

@(Based on the actuals of April, 1979—February, 1980 and estimates of March, 1980).