

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

Cultural Activities Undertaken by  
TFAI

\*382. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a  
part of activation programme of the  
Pragati Maidan, cultural activities on  
a grand scale were undertaken by the  
Trade Fair Authority;

(b) if so, whether the cultural acti-  
vities were within the purview of  
T.F.A.I.s aims and objects; and

(c) how far these activities help in  
building up of the commercial and in-  
dustrial image of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRA-  
NAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The activi-  
sation programme of the Pragati Mai-  
dan includes organisation of cultural  
programme during the fair as well as  
non-fair periods.

(b) The TFAI aims at promotion of  
business through fairs and exhibitions.  
Cultural programmes attract large  
crowds thereby generating more busi-  
ness at the fairs and increasing the  
Authority's revenue through enhanced  
rentals and gate money, besides maxi-  
mising the use of the available infra-  
structure in the Pragati Maidan.

(c) Cultural activities attract large  
crowds to the exhibition grounds where  
constant efforts are made to present  
commercial and industrial image of  
India through a series of Trade Fairs.

Loans granted by A.R.C. to Industries

\*384. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to lay a statement showing:

(a) the details regarding the total  
amount of loans granted by the Agri-  
cultural Refinance Corporation to the  
various industries linked with agricul-  
tural production during the last three  
years (State-wise);

(b) the extent to which the loans  
granted fell short of the demand; and

(c) the reasons for such shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE  
(SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): Agri-  
cultural Refinance Development Cor-  
poration generally provide refinance  
for term loans by member banks for  
investment in schemes for agriculture  
and allied activities. It does not pro-  
vide refinance assistance, for purely  
agro-industrial loans. However, where  
manufacturing/processing is an inte-  
gral part of the total agricultural de-  
velopment project and where it is con-  
sidered necessary for realising the full  
benefits of development, the refinance  
is provided. The ARDC do not have  
ready and complete information for the  
last three years in respect of agro-in-  
dustrial units financed as part of the  
programme of agricultural develop-  
ment. However, information relating  
to the important agro-industrial com-  
ponents financed as part of the bigger  
project of agricultural development of  
development of allied activities during  
the last three years has been given in  
Statement.

Statement

Particulars of important agro-industrial advances granted by  
ARDC during last 3 years

Name of State	Type of processing activity being financed	ARDC commitments
1	2	3
(Rs. lakhs)		
(Integrated Cotton Development Project)		
1. Haryana . . . . .	2 Ginning units	} 211
	1 Seed processing unit	
2. Maharashtra . . . . .	1 Seed processing unit	