

Government of Maharashtra have been discussing with Reserve Bank of India and Government of India the credit facilities to be provided for the operation of the Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme during 1975-76. For the year 1975-76, RBI has sanctioned a credit limit of Rs. 20 crores to the MSCB for financing Monopoly Procurement Scheme and has also permitted it to finance the scheme upto a further limit of Rs. 20 crores out of its own resources.

To enable the MSCMF to tide over temporary financial difficulties, commercial banks have also sanctioned a credit limit of Rs. 18 crores to the Federation upto 31st January, 1976 besides a packing credit limit for export of cotton upto a maximum of Rs. 15 crores till 31st March, 1976.

Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme being a State Scheme its implementation is the responsibility of the State Government. Since the scheme is implemented through a co-operative agency, the credit support has to be mainly from the cooperative system. Having regard to the resources of commercial banks and competing demands on them, the assistance from commercial banks to the scheme of this type can at best be only of a marginal character.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Tourists

*252. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange has been earned as a result of visit by foreign tourists to this country since the declaration of emergency; and

(b) what facilities have been provided to foreign tourists during their stay in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during July—December, 1975 on the basis of current price levels is estimated at Rs. 56.5 crores. This is exclusive of the foreign exchange revenue earned by Air India and Indian Airlines on payment of fares by international passengers.

(b) The provision of tourist facilities is a continuous process. The emphasis in the Central Sector has been on the building up of tourist infrastructure (accommodation and transport), provision of recreational, entertainment and sight-seeing facilities and production of tourist literature. For this purpose, an outlay of Rs. 78 crores has been provided in the Central Sector.

Deposits in and Credits advanced by Nationalised and other Banks

*253. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the latest position of the 14 banks nationalised and those left in the private sector including foreign banks in July 1969, with regard to the total deposits and credits advanced and how does it compare with the figures for July, 1969?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Data regarding deposits and advances of the public sector banks, including the 14 nationalised banks, and the

private sector scheduled commercial banks in India as on the last Friday

of June 1969 and December 19, 1975 are set out below:—

(Rs. crores)

	Deposits		Advances	
	June, 1969	19th Dec., 1975*	June, 1969	19th Dec. 1975*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
A. Public Sector Banks	3871	11264	3017	8168
(i) SBI Group	1239	3816	1185	2826
(ii) 14 Nationalised Banks	2632	7448	1832	5342
B. Private Sector Banks	775	2122	582	1417
(i) Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks	297	1263	197	808
(ii) Foreign Banks	478	859	385	609
All Scheduled Commercial Banks (A + B)	4646	13386	3599	9585

*Provisional.

Rubber Production

*256. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a slump in rubber production and its export; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no slump in rubber production. Since rubber is not normally being exported, the question of slump in its export does not arise.

Export of Silver

*259. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped silver export temporarily;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much Government have earned from silver export in 1974-75?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Silver amounting to Rs. 89,29,38,581 has been exported out of India during the year 1974-75.

Research Unit of Civil Aviation Department

*260. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research Unit of Civil Aviation Department helps in glider production in a big way;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and