

(a) whether State Bank of India has increased its advance rate from 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the date from which it is operative?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a sequel to the increase in Bank Rate from 6 per cent to 7 per cent

(c) The increase in the State Bank Advance Rate is effective from 1st June, 1973.

विदेशों में स्थित संयुक्त उपक्रमों को 1971-72 में निर्यात की गई मशीनरी, कच्चे माल आदि से प्राप्त विदेशी मुद्रा

†199. श्री हुक्म चन्द कलशराव : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि वित्तीय वर्ष 1971-72 में विदेशों में स्थित संयुक्त भारतीय उपक्रमों को मशीनरी, उपकरण और कच्चे माल के निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त हुई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (बी ए० सी० जार्ज) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार, विदेशों में भारत के संयुक्त उद्यमों को मशीनों, उपकरणों तथा कच्चे माल के निर्यातों पर वित्तीय वर्ष 1971-72 के दौरान जो विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त की गई, वह राशि लगभग 266.92 लाख रु० थी। ये निर्यात उन निर्यातों के प्रतिरिक्त थे जो कि इम्पेटी भागीदारी के आधार पर समा-योज्य थे।

**Shortage of Small Coins**

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SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still an acute shortage of small coins throughout the country, and

(b) if so, the further steps Government propose to take to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K R GANESH). (a) While the availability of coins has considerably improved in the metropolitan areas, a few stray complaints of shortage from the mufussil areas have been received in recent past.

(b) In order to remove the cause of shortage, Government have made massive efforts during the last two years to turn out larger quantities of small coins in the Mints and increase the net issues to the public through the Reserve Bank of India as will be evident from figures below:

Year	Production by Mints (In million pieces)	Reserve Bank of India Issues (In crores of rupees)
1969-70	386	8.56
1970-71	577	10.71
1971-72	1681	11.16
1972-73	2100	27.59 (expected)

The efforts are being sustained in the year 1973-74. Changes have also been made in some of the coinage alloys so as to obtain a higher rate of production and eliminate the risk of their being diverted for melting purposes.

The Reserve Bank of India offices and agencies have been advised to meet the local demand for coins to the maximum extent. Coins are rushed to centres where shortages are occasionally reported.