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Export of Iron Ore to Japan

1476. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry was conducted in respect of the export of iron-ore to Japan from Belladila;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the enquiry has since been completed; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Study of Indian Banks in U.K. and Europe

1477. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manager (International Division) of the Bank of Baroda conducted an indepth study of Indian banks in U.K. and Europe; and

(b) if so, the main findings about the Indian banks abroad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). Bank of Baroda has reported that

its Manager, International Division, is conducting a study on the changing regulatory environment for Indian banks operating in the United Kingdom and Europe under the Lord Aldington Banking Research Fellowship awarded to him by the Indian Institute of Bankers. The findings of the study will be known when he submits his report on his return to India in May, 1991.

Waiving off Agricultural Loans

1478. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to give further concessions to farmers in waiving off the agricultural loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Establishment of Free Ports

1479. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish free ports to boost exports; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) and (b). The Government of India have set