

Fresh Guidelines to Financial Institutions for sanctioning loans to Industries

*547. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether fresh guidelines have been issued to the public financial institutions for sanctioning loans to industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a) and (b). Government have issued revised guidelines for the year 1977-78 for the internal use of all-India Public Financial Institutions with the objective of ensuring that assistance sanctioned for projects are in line with the overall national priorities. The salient features of the guidelines which also indicate priority among industries, are :—

- (i) in sanctioning assistance to new or expansion projects, financial institutions should invariably examine employment implications of the projects to be financed by them and with a view to promote employment in such projects the possibility of substituting automatic and capital intensive processes by labour intensive processes should invariably be explored;
- (ii) it should be ensured that adequate finance is provided for the development of rural and village industries as well as for projects where a large part of the benefit flows to rural areas;
- (iii) in view of the need to reduce the domestic costs, and prices, financial institutions should examine the cost of production in comparison with international prices of similar products and avoid setting up un-economic high-cost capacities in non-strategic areas.

Export of Indian Commercial Plywood

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prospect of increasing the export of Indian Commercial Plywood in 1977-78 has suf-

fered a big setback because of the demand recession in the world market; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) : (a) and (b). The exports of plywood, both commercial and decorative, have registered an increase in the first seven months of the current financial year from April to October compared to the corresponding period of last year. However the export of commercial plywood has gone down during the same period on account of tough competition from Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore and Philippines whose prices are lower.

2. It would, therefore, appear that the reason for drop in exports is not the demand recession, but competition from other suppliers.

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* 549. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक वृत्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न देशों में भारतीय प्रशोधित औषधियों और जड़ी-बूटियों की भारी मांग है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) निर्यात हो सकने वाली जड़ी-बूटियों और प्रशोधित औषधियों के नाम क्या हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक वृत्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरिफ बेग) :

(क) जी हां। इनके निर्यात 1963-64 में 3.63 करोड़ रु० थे जो 1976-77 के दौरान बढ़कर 28.8 करोड़ रु० के हो गए।