

(b) to (d). The Department of Tourism is represented on the Sur Panchshati Co-ordination Committee set up by the Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture. The Committee has recommended that the Department of Tourism may extend cooperation to the Government of Haryana in the development of Sihhi, birth place of Surdas in a befitting manner. However, no detailed proposals have been received from the State Government.

ग्रामीण बैंकों के कर्मचारियों के लिए परीक्षा अवधि

* 729. श्री राम कवार बेरवा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ग्रामीण बैंकों के कर्मचारियों के लिए परीक्षा अवधि एक वर्ष है जबकि अन्य बैंकों में कर्मचारियों के लिए यह अवधि 6 मास है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री एच० एम० पटेल) : क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों में नये भर्ती किये गये कर्मचारियों के लिए, परीक्षा अवधि समेत एक समान सेवा नियम नहीं बनाए गए हैं। फिर भी, क्षेत्रीय बैंकों को सलाह दी गई है कि जिन राज्यों में वे स्थित हैं, उन राज्यों के समान स्तर के सरकारी कर्मचारियों पर लागू होने वाले नियमों को अन्तरिम रूप में अपना लें।

वाणिज्यिक बैंकों में लिपिक तथा अधीनस्थ कर्मचारियों के मामले में, परीक्षा अवधि 6 माह है, लेकिन अधिकारियों के मामले में यह अवधि आग अलग बैंकों में अलग अलग है जो कि अधिक से अधिक 2 वर्ष की अवधि तक चलती है :

Export of Tobacco

*731. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of tobacco has exceeded the target in 1977-78;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intend to promote cultivation of VFC tobacco for export exclusively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) The export target of Rs. 110 crores for 1977-78 is likely to be achieved, or it may be exceeded slightly.

(b) The tobacco exports during the period April 1977—February 1978 are estimated to have been 71,185 metric tonnes valued at Rs. 105.37 crores U.K., U.S.S.R. and Japan continued to be our main buyers.

(c) The emphasis is on cultivation of such varieties of VFC tobacco as have a better export potential. However, cultivation is not exclusively for exports, as VFC tobacco is used within the country also in the manufacture of tobacco products.

Loans given by Allahabad Bank

*732. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that—

(i) EMC-EMC Steal and allied concerns, (ii) Orissa Textile Mills Co. Ltd., (iii) Macintosh Burn Limited, (iv) Howrah Floor Mills Co. Ltd., and (v) Belur Iron Foundry and Engineering Works, were given huge loans by the Allahabad Bank against the rules;

(b) if so, the Persons responsible for giving these loans to the said firms and the amounts involved; and

(c) how Government proposes to recover the said loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) The five concerns mentioned by the Hon'ble Member were sanctioned loans by the Allahabad Bank in accordance with normal practice and procedures and with the approval of its Board. All these accounts have been looked into by the Reserve Bank of India.

(b) and (c). In accordance with the usages and practices customary among bankers and in accordance with the statutes for the public sector banks, the affairs of individual constituents of the nationalised banks are not be divulged.

Export of Jewellery

*733. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to