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cargo before customs clearance has been brought to the Government's notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Publishing of Koranic Prayer with SBI Logo at Bank's Cost

1296. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Branch Manager (Development and Personnel) of State Bank of India's main Branch at Chennai has published huge number of copies of Koranic Prayer with SBI logo over it at Bank's cost;

(b) if so, what is the cost of these books published in the New Art Printers, Akbar Sahib Street Chennai; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these books are to be distributed through the network of SBI branches all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: (a) to (c) The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that their Zonal Office Ernakulam, and not their Chennai Main Branch had got printed 2000 copies of Koranic prayers with SBI logo from New Art Printers, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 9/- per copy. Non Resident Indians as well as valuable Muslim constituents who have sizable deposit connections with branches in Kerala State were greeted with the prayer book during the month of Ramzan.

Ratio of Capital Expenditure

1297. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise ratio of capital expenditure to the Budget for 1990-91 onward, till date;

(b) whether it is showing declining trend;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reverse the trend?