

taken certain measures for promoting exports of Gems & Jewellery. These include simplification, streamlining and relaxation of procedures under the Gold Control Act, facility for stock and supply of gold for 100 per cent Export production by the MMTC, improvement in Bank credit facility etc.

**Exemption of customs duty on cold storage plant imported from Japan**

213. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for grant of customs duty exemption to the Cold Storage Plant imported from Japan for the Karnataka Sericulture Project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not giving exemption; and

(c) in case the customs duty exemption is not given, will the Government of India support the Karnataka Sericulture Project appropriately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

12.00 NOON

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**I. Reports and Accounts (for the year ended the 31st December, 1987) of the various regional rural banks and related papers.**

**II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Regional Rural Banks for the year ended the 31st December, 1987, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts:—

- (1) Varada Grameena Bank
- (2) Ranchi Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (3) Nagaland Rural Bank
- (4) Rae Bareilly Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (5) Tungabhadra Gramin Bank
- (6) Panchmahal Vadodara Gramin Bank
- (7) Sri Sathavahana Grameena Bank
- (8) Sagar Gramin Bank
- (9) Shahdol Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (10) Kshetriya Kishan Gramin Bank
- (11) Jaipur Nagaur Aanchalik Gramin Bank
- (12) Ballia Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (13) Rayalaseema Grameena Bank
- (14) Kamraj Rural Bank
- (15) Kapurthala Ferozepur Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (16) Pragjyotish Gaonlia Bank
- (17) Prathma Bank
- (18) Palamau Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (19) Kashi Gramin Bank
- (20) Madhubani Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- (21) Santhal Parganas Gramin Bank
- (22) Rushikulya Gramya Bank