

8. Mr. M. G. Von Nostitz, Director, South and South East Asia Division. Department of External Affairs.

After a detailed technical and commercial evaluation of different foreign offers, a decision has been taken to induct Light Transport Aircraft offered by M/s. Dormer of Federal Republic of Germany to meet the requirements of civil and Defence users.

**Appointment of general agencies by Statefed, Assam, for the Imports of Dais**

2363. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Statefed, Assam unit, had appointed two general agencies to import Mossori and Matikalai Dal from foreign countries recently;

(b) if so, what are the names of the countries from where these are proposed to be imported and the price at source per quintal of Massori and Matikalai Dal;

(c) what price has been fixed per quintal for selling these imported dais in Assam; and

(d) what are the names of the parties who have been given the general agencies to import the above mentioned dais from the foreign countries on behalf of Assam Statefed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATIRAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected.

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**Probationary Officers Examination in State Bank of India**

2364. SHRI CHANDAN K. BAGCHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of three years of the five year integrated M.Sc. course at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pillani is con-

sidered as equivalent to graduation for the purpose of appearing in the Probationary Officers Examination in the State Bank of India;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that at the Probationary Officers Examination in State Bank of Group 1979-80 the Delhi Regional Board of the State Bank of India did not recognise the validity of such a candidate who completed three years of the five year integrated M.Sc. Course referred to above; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government have taken for such candidates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c) The prescribed minimum qualification for admission to the examination conducted by the Central Recruitment Board (SBI Group), Bombay for recruitment of Probationary Officers is a degree from a recognised university or any equivalent qualification recognised as such by the Government of India. Government have, however, not recognised, for the purpose of recruitment under the Central Government, completion of three years of the five-years integrated M.Sc. course at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, as equivalent to graduation. In view of the above, question of taking any remedial action does not arise.

**Report of Task Force on the Activities of Export Promotion Councils**

2365. SHRI BUOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1325 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May, 1983 and state:

(a) what is the number of reports of the task force appointed to investigate the functioning of the Export Promotion Councils which have so far been received by Government; and

(b) what action Government have taken on the recommendations made by the task force in these reports?