

has sent a communication dated the 18th July, 1981 regarding opening of SA'L stockyard at Bhavanagar;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to open more such stockyards in the near future in the towns like Sihar, Palitana, Mahuva, Talaja, Savarkundla, Rajula, Lathi, Amreli towns of Bhavanagar and Amreli districts; and

(d) if so, by when and if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Opening of stockyards is a commercial matter. Government do not interfere in such matters. Sri Patel has been advised accordingly.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### Loan to the Katihar Jute Mills Ltd.

1967. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loan Government have given to the Katihar Jute Mills Limited of N. K. Chamaria uptil now and on what terms and for what purpose;

(b) whether Government have made an inquiry as to whether that loan has been properly used; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Replacement of one rupee notes by rupee coins

1968. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take out all one rupee paper notes from circulation and replace them by one rupee coins;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) if not, what is the average longevity of one rupee paper currency notes vis-a-vis one rupee coins?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) Proposals in this regard have been under Government's consideration but a final decision has not yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The average life of a One-Rupee currency note is about eight months and of a One-Rupee coin about 15 to 20 years.

#### Liberal Loan for Self Employment Activities

1969. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to liberalise the credit worthiness of borrowers seeking loans for self employment purpose even if the borrowers do not possess any movable or immovable property;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) to (c).