

providing credit on an aggregative annual basis to at least 2 additional borrowers per branch per month. They will concentrate their attention on self-employment schemes in Blocks for which development plans are ready and will simultaneously aim at extending gradually their schemes to

other Blocks. Special schemes of self-employment for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be drawn up. The present Margin Money Scheme which covers only self-employment ventures in small scale industry will be extended to cover self-employment in other sectors as well.

Statement

Assistance provided by Public Sector Banks to various categories of borrowers

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Sector	As at the end of June, 1977		June, 1978	
	No. of A/cs.	Amount outstanding	No. of A/cs.	Amount outstanding
Small Scale Industry	430434	1315.29	526451	1640.95
Road & Water Transport Operators	170415	252.78	195800	305.52
Retail Trade and Small Business	889215	225.86	1013682	295.43
Professional & Self-employed persons	503656	71.61	582749	86.34

Demand of Copper in the Country

734. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the increased demand for copper in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): The demand of copper in the country during the current financial year has been assessed at about 80,000 tonnes. Out of this, 20,000 tonnes is expected to be met by indigenous production from Hindustan Copper Limited; the balance of 60,000 tonnes of copper will be met by imports through the canalising agency viz., the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited. Necessary steps have been taken by the canalising agency to contract and import required quantity of copper for this purpose.

Documentary Films Concerning Smt. Indira Gandhi

735. SHRI SITARAM KESRI. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: SHRI KALP NATH RAI;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some documentary films concerning Shrimati Indira Gandhi have been taken off the catalogue of the Indian documentaries issued by the Indian High Commission in the United Kingdom; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These films were withdrawn in pursuance of the decision of the Government of India to withdraw from circulation all documentary films which had direct or indirect relevance to the emergency.

Identity Cards for Depositors, in Post Offices

736. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN; Will the Minister of 'COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce the system of issue of identity card to every depositor in the savings bank account in the rural post offices; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAD: (a) and (b) Identity cards are proposed to be issued, free of cost, to Post Office Savings Bank depositors in rural post offices on request. The depositors who wish to avail of this facility will be required to furnish their photographs.

The identity card is intended to facilitate withdrawals. In the event of depositor's signature on application for withdrawal not agreeing with the specimen signature on record in the post office, the depositor can establish his identity by means of the identity card.

Capacity Utilisation in Non-Ferrous Metal based Industry

737. SHRI BIPINPAL DAS: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that capacity utilisation in the non-ferrous

metal based industry has dropped to a very low level;

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

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (c) There is no drop in the capacity utilisation in the non-ferrous metal semis industry as a whole during 1977-78 when compared to 1976-77. In fact there has been some marginal increase in production of Non-ferrous metal semis industry in 1977-78 as a whole as compared to 1976-77. It is expected that there will be an overall increase in production of the non-ferrous metal semis industry in the organised sector during the current year.

Decline in Steel Production due to Low Stocks of Coking Coal

738. SHRI R. R. MORARKA; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have anticipated any decline in steel production in the coming months due to low stocks of coking coal, inadequate power supply and other reasons;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss of production both in value and quantity; and

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to avert the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK), (a) and (b) There has been noticeable improvement in the power position, though Bhilai Steel Plant is still suffering from inadequacy of supply Ccal stocks in the various steel plants continue to be at precariously low levels, resulting in much reduced rates of