

industry on account of competition from the powerloom sector, no such crisis has been reported. To safeguard the interests of handloom industry, five more items, namely, all coloured sarees, yarn dyed dhoties, low reed pick cloth, dusters, and towels and towelling cloth in Honey-comb weave, have been exclusively reserved for the handloom sector. With a view to give greater protection to the handloom sector, the powerloom cloth has been required to be stamped with the permit number of the powerlooms owner to enable identification and prevention of such cloth being marketed as handloom cloth. All the State Governments, through whom the reservation orders are enforced, have been urged to enforce the reservation orders very strictly.]

Inadequate aircraft parking facilities at Santa Cruz Airport

627. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAM-CHANDRA MHAISEKAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of parking bays at the Santa Cruz airport particularly for aircraft of larger sizes ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b) Bunching of international flights during the night often results in shortage of parking space at the Bombay airport. However, efforts are being made through the Scheduling Committee of the International Air Transport Association to persuade international operators to adjust their schedule of operations to avoid such contingencies. As a long term solution the International Airports Authority of India have plans to construct 13 more parking bays at Santa Cruz airport in Bombay.

Unfair trade practices by Air India

628. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAM-CHANDRA MHAISEKAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has been booked under Brooklyn Consent Judgement for unfair trade practices ; and

(b) if so, what are the designations of the officials held responsible for this mal-practice and what action, if any, has been taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Loans by public sector financial Institution

629. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAM-CHANDRA MHAISEKAR : Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the public sector financial institutions have given huge amounts as loans which have turned into bad debts ; and

(b) if so, what is the volume of such bad debts and what steps are proposed to be taken to liquidate them and avoid unsafe investments ?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) have reported that for the accounting year ending June 30, 1976 there were no bad debts which required to be written off. Bad and doubtful debts are the usual business risk which public sector financial institutions like any other credit agencies take. Public sector financial institutions take the advice and to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors make adequate provisi-

for bad and doubtful debts out of their annual profits. Upto the accounting year ending June 30, 1976 the IDBI has made a provision of Rs. 2.10 crores and the IFCI has made a provision of Rs. 4.09 crores. It is the practice of public financial institutions not to write off doubtful debts unless all steps for recovery have been taken and exhausted. Measures like change of management, appointment of nominee directors on the board of assisted concerns, strengthening of the organisational set up are taken by the financial institutions to minimise their business risk in the assisted concerns.

Share of States in earnings from the sale of confiscated goods

630. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAM-CHANDRA MHAISEKAR : Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give a part of the earnings made from confiscated goods to the concerned State Governments for the assistance rendered by them in the seizure of smuggled goods ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of instant tea in foreign market

631. SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOU-DHURY :

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-GOHAIN :

SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHE-TTRI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to introduce Indian instant tea in foreign markets ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) Promotion of special packs of Indian tea, including instant tea, in selected markets abroad is carried out by the Tea Board with the cooperation of the local blenders/packers. While Tea Board has entered into collaboration with one established packer each in U.S.A. and Australia for promotion of instant tea manufactured in India, negotiations are in progress with other local packers in U.S.A., Australia and Austria.

Closed Textile Mills

632. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some more closed textile mills have been taken over by the National Textile Corporation in July, 1976 ;

(b) if so, what are the names of those mills ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to provide employment to the workers of the mills which have been closed down ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) The management of Laxmirattan Cotton Mills Company Limited, Kanpur and Atherton West and Company Limited, Kanpur has been taken over by the Central Government under the provisions of the Laxmirattan and Atherton West Cotton Mills (Taking over of Management) Ordinance, 1976 which was promulgated on 19th July, 1976. The National Textile Corporation has been appointed as Custodian of these two mills.