

Type of Industry	At the end of	United Commercial Bank	United Bank of India	Total
Small Scale industrial units	1970	17.91	12.05	29.96
	1971	19.64	14.36	34.00
	1972	22.59	15.82	38.41
Other industrial units	1970	66.14	78.09	144.23
	1971	52.36	85.31	137.67
	1972	55.17	91.04	146.21

#### Trade with Bangladesh

\*339. SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the value of India's trade with Bangladesh separately of imports and exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : According to the figures maintained by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, India's exports to Bangladesh during April-December, 1972, were of the order of Rs. 59.50 crores as against imports valued at Rs. 1.01 crores for the same period. Figures of our trade with Bangladesh beyond December, 1972 are not available.

#### Meeting of Aid India Consortium

\*340. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL : SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium held a meeting in Paris in June this year to consider the World Bank's recommendation for S 1,200 million aid to India;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Consortium on the recommendation; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) A meeting of the Aid India Consortium was held in Paris in June this year. The meeting reviewed the progress of economic development in India and considered development prospects and foreign aid requirements for the Financial Year beginning April, 1973.

(b) The members of the Consortium agreed that substantial new commitments of aid were required in the current year so that imports could be kept at a level adequate to support unproved economic growth. Members further agreed that for the year which began on 1st April, 1973 commitments of non-project assistance in the form of debt relief of about US \$ 700 million and of project assistance of about US \$ 500 million would be desirable. Most members indicated the contribution they had already made or would be able to make subject to necessary approvals towards the aid goals including debt relief. Others are expected to be able to do so later in the year and gave their support to the overall programme.

(c) Government is satisfied with the outcome of the discussions at the meeting.

#### Visit of Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs

II. SHRI SIVARAM KESRI :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs visited Japan in the first week of June, 1973;

(b) if so, the purpose of his visit; and

(c) the details of talks held by him with the representatives of the Government of Japan, and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The purpose of his visit was to discuss with the Government of Japan matters pertaining to the Development Assistance extended by Japan to India under the aegis of the Aid-India Consortium.

for the current financial year 1973-74, in the context of the Consortium meeting which was held at Paris later in June, 1973.

His discussions covered various aspects of this assistance such as debt relief, non-project assistance and project aid as also the terms of assistance.

Subsequently at the Aid India Consortium meeting held in Paris on the 14th and 15th June, 1971, the Government of Japan pledged a sum of approximately Yen 15 Billion (Rs. 36 crores) as debt relief and a sum of Yen 7 Billion (Rs. 1 (3.8 crores) as non-project assistance for the year 1973-74,

As regards project aid, no specific pledge was made at the Consortium meeting, and the quantum, terms and modalities of such aid are separately under discussion between the two Governments in the context of a request made by the Government for financing the foreign exchange costs of the fertilizer plants.

Negotiations are also continuing between the two Governments for translating the assistance pledged by Japan into specific agreements.

#### **Exhibition of 'Son-et-Lumiere' in West Bengal**

\*342. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1255 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1972 and state :

(a) whether Government have since selected a suitable site for the mounting of a son-et-lumiere project in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

I III: MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The suitability of various sites is being examined.

#### **Distribution, control and price of cloth**

\*343. SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN :

SHRI VENIGALLA SATY \  
NARAYANA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has recommended to Government to meet out a radical restructuring of the policies towards the textile industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C.

(IFORGE) : (a) The Bureau has carried out a Cost-Price study on cotton textiles and has made a number of recommendations dealing with raw-cotton, the area of control, the basis for pricing, renovation and selective modernisation and technical and managerial efficiency.

(b) In recommendations of the Bureau, which are of a detailed nature, are under active consideration and Government have not yet formulated their views thereon. Government expects to take decisions before the expiry of three months from the commencement of the Voluntary Price Restraint Scheme for non-controlled cloth introduced w. e. f. 20-7-73.

#### **Rajasthan Government's Request for 'Ad-hoc' Grant to Meet Drought Situation**

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI  
KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:

SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN  
ARIF :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government have recently requested the Union Government for an ad-hoc grant of Rs. 20 crores to meet the drought situation in that State; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1971-72 a sum of Rs. 10 crores has so far been released to the State Government. Further assistance will be released on the basis of the periodical review undertaken by the Central team.