

some time the Conference also examined in detail the requirements of additional accommodation and air and road transportation for foreign tourists at the main centres of tourism in India. The need for a larger numbers of promotional air fan-- on international routes, measures to streamline tourist entry formalities, and the planning of new holiday resorts, were other topics discussed. Finally the publicity campaigns in overseas markets (i.e. promotional literature, posters, presentations, films and other advertising) were considered with a view to ensuring that the most favourable image of India would be projected in these markets. The Conference made a number of detailed recommendations for action on each of these points, which are being followed up by the Agencies concerned.]

Closure of powerloom factories in Bombay

♦337. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT : SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL : SHRI K. C. PANDA : SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the powerloom factories located in Bhiwandi, a town near Bombay, are lying idle due to acute shortage of yarn;

(b) if so, the extent to which powerloom production has been adversely affected thereby; and

(c) what efforts are being made to ensure adequate supply of yarn for running these powerloom factories?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) Government have no specific information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the statutory control scheme, bulk allotments of cotton yarn are made to the State Governments by the Textile Commissioner within the overall framework of shortfall in yarn production. Allotments to Maharashtra State have been made on the yardstick worked out on the national basis i.e. 8.18 kg. per handloom and 2 kgs. per powerloom per day. As the production and availability of yarn of counts 40s vis-a-vis requirements in decentralised sector had attained a satisfactory level, the control of distribution of yarn of counts 40s has been relaxed in States. Enhancement of quota of yarn above 40s can be considered only after the yarn production attains the normal level.

Financial Assistance to large Industrial Houses

ISS. DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :

MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : SHRI

HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of loans and financial assistance sanctioned during the last three years to the large Industrial Houses as mentioned in the report of the Monopolies Commission and the small and medium industries by the United Commercial Bank and United Bank of India, Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI V. B. CHAVAN) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The required information in respect of the two banks is as given below :—

(Rs. in Crores)

Type of Industry	At the end of	United Commercial Bank	United Bank of India	Total
Large Industrial Houses	1970	44.40	51.72	96.12
	1971	45.97	59.75	105.72
	1972	53.53	67.69	121.22

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.