

end of each month in the year 1966-67 in respect of advances granted by scheduled commercial banks against the security of foodgrains is laid on the Table of the House (See below).

(b) The Reserve Bank has prescribed necessary margin and ceiling restrictions on bank advances against the security of foodgrains with a view to preventing the use of bank finance in speculative trading in foodgrains.

(c) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

Scheduled commercial banks' advances against security of foodgrains outstanding at the end of each month from April, 1966 to March, 1967

(Rs. Crores)

Outstanding as at end of	Total	Of which to State Governments
April, 1966 . . .	78.59	56.05
May, 1966 . . .	82.66	55.51
June, 1966 . . .	87.92	60.54
July, 1966 . . .	82.39	58.34
August, 1966 . . .	56.43	38.92
September, 1966 . . .	43.93	27.65
October, 1966 . . .	45.97	25.82
November, 1966 . . .	40.71	18.34
December, 1966 . . .	42.53	18.62
January, 1967 . . .	44.44	17.56
February, 1967 . . .	36.52	11.23
March, 1967 . . .	47.16	25.11†

†Provisional

PAY-SCALES OF BINDERS

*192. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 147 in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1967 and state whether it is a fact that many Ministries/Departments which were refused sanction by

the Ministry of Finance for the revision of pay-scales of their Binders were sanctioned the creation of some new posts and allowed to make certain new appointments during the year 1966, to date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): No, Sir, No new posts of Book Binders were created from 1966 onwards in the National Archives of India under the Ministry of Education or in the External Publicity Press under the Ministry of External Affairs in which offices revision of pay scales was not agreed to.

WATER RESERVOIR TO STORE RAIN WATER

*193. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have been held with the Government of Haryana for locating a reservoir in that State for storing rain water for being supplied to Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) There is a proposal under study to construct a reservoir in Haryana for meeting Delhi water supply. This is still in the preliminary stages.

बम्बई में सोने का बरामद किया जाना

194. श्रीमती सरला भदौरिया : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आय-कर अधिकारियों द्वारा बम्बई में 1 अप्रैल, 1967 को मारे गये एक छापे के दौरान कुल कितना सोना बरामद किया गया ?