

National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India is purchasing Onions from the growers.

(b) Does not arise.

Misappropriation of funds by Regional Manager, Allahabad Bank

2955. SHRIMATI AHILYA P. RAGNEKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any investigation about the misappropriation of funds of Allahabad Bank by the Regional Manager, Shri H. K. Kalia;

(b) if so, the findings of the investigation; and

(c) the steps taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Allahabad Bank has intimated that it has no report of misappropriation of funds of the bank by Shri H. K. Kalia, Regional Manager. No investigation has therefore been made by the bank or by Government.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Complaints of distribution of loans to exporters by Manager, State Bank of India, Bombay

2956. SHRI ANANT DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been many complaints of distribution of loans to

exporters, film producers in the fictitious names by the Manager of the State Bank of India, Peddar Road, Bombay;

(b) the amount of loans or overdrafts sanctioned by the then manager of the bank to film producers, directors and others without proper scrutiny of their paying capacity;

(c) whether he has seen a report published in the weekly 'Blitz' dated the 11th June, 1977 in this regard;

(d) the result of the enquiry so far conducted and the names of persons against whom action has since been taken; and

(e) whether Government propose to handover the case to CBI for investigation and suggest suitable action against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (e). Government have seen the news report published in the issue of the Bombay Weekly BLITZ dated the 11th June, 1977 under the caption "Banking with Sex and Blackmail". The State Bank of India has, in this connection, reported that their Inspection and Audit Report on the Pedder Road Branch, had pointed out certain irregularities in the conduct of the accounts of a number of constituents including a few Film Distributors/Producers, Garment Export Houses etc. These irregularities were in the nature of (i) grant of overdraft facilities indiscriminately to various borrowers, of whom some were fictitious; and (ii) grant of advances by way of cash credits, export packing credits, post shipment credits and export bills negotiations limit dis-regarding the instructions laid down by the Controlling Authority. According to the Bank, the total amount of advances involved as on 1st October, 1975, was about Rs. 62 lacs.

The irregularities were further investigated by the Vigilance & Audit

Department of the Bombay Local Head Office of the Bank and based on its findings disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the officials involved. The position regarding the action taken against the various officers are indicated below:

Name	Punishment
1. Shri D.D. Tilak Branch Manager.	Dismissed from Service.
2. Shri S. P. Menjoge, Accountant.	Dismissed from Service.
3. Shri R.N. Valankar, Field Officer	He resigned from Service consequent on his demotion to Clerical Cadre from Officers Cadre in the Bank.
4. Shri R.D. Kriplani (Then) Regional Manager.	Disciplinary proceedings are being finalised.
5. Shri V.K. Hertekar (Then) Regional Manager.	Disciplinary proceedings are being finalised.
6. Shri N.V. Gude, (Then) Area Supdt.	He was called upon to retire from Service. The official has since expired.
7. Shri V.V. Hariharan Branch Inspector	Investigation being conducted to fix accountability.

The Bank has initiated legal action against the defaulting borrowers. The bank has also registered a case of forgery and cheating with the Bombay Police against one of the constituents. The Bank has also lodged a formal complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation in May, 1977. The CBI have been requested to register a case and take up investigation of this matter.

जूतों और चमड़े के सामान का निर्यात

2957. श्री मोठा लाल पटेल : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक प्रति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत में निर्मित जूते और चमड़े के अन्य सामान की विदेशों में बहुत मांग है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे देशों के नाम क्या हैं, जिनके साथ भारत का व्यापार सम्बन्धता हुआ है और इससे इतने बड़े कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा की आय होने की सम्भावना है ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक प्रति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया) : (क) विदेशों को चमड़े के जूतों तथा चमड़े के सामान के निर्यातों में सामान्य वृद्धि हुई है ।

(ख) जिन मुख्य देशों के साथ भारत का व्यापार करार हुआ है वे ये हैं : बल्गारिया, चेकोस्लोवाकिया, जर्मन लोकतन्त्रीय गणराज्य हंगरी, पोलैण्ड, रूमानिया तथा सोवियत संघ ।

ऊपर बताये गये देशों के साथ ऐसे व्यापार करार के फलस्वरूप चमड़े के जूतों तथा चमड़े की अन्य वस्तुओं के निर्यातों से लगभग 23 करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा की आय होने की आशा है ।

Separate corporations for Oils and Oilseeds

2958. SHRI D. D. DESAI:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to have separate corporations for edible oils and oilseeds trade; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). A proposal to have a Corporation or a similar institutional arrangement for edible oils and oilseeds is being examined by the Government.