

**JANARDHANA POOJARY) :** (a) and (b). It is not possible to make an estimate of the expenditure that would have occurred had there been no ban on fresh recruitment. As such, an estimate of the amount saved on this account is not available.

[Translation]

**Regional Office of Central Silk Board  
at Patna**

**4474. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI :** Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Silk Board, after passing a resolution in a general body meeting and after the approval of the Planning Commission had submitted a proposal to his Ministry long ago for opening its regional office in Bihar but approval has not so far been given thereto;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Bihar is the leading State in the matter of tussar production;

(d) if so, the reasons for neglecting Bihar in view of the fact that Government are opening regional office in the States with less production of silk as compared to that of Bihar; and

(e) whether Government propose to open a regional office of the Central Silk Board in Patna, Bihar and if so, when ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) :** (a) to (e). Bihar is one of the leading States in production of Tassar Silk and Government has approved the proposal of the Central Silk Board for opening a Regional Development Office for Bihar at Patna during the year 1985-86.

[English]

**Indo-Vietnam Trade Relations**

**4475. SHRI K. PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established trade relation with Vietnam;

(b) if so, the items on which Indo-Vietnam trade relation has been established; and

(c) the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). India has exported items like railway rolling stock, wagons, textile machinery, wheat, rice and cotton yarn to Vietnam. Exports from Vietnam to India have been cement and tin.

**Energy used per Unit Production  
of Aluminium**

**4476. SHRI SRI HARI RAO :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the energy used per unit of production of aluminium in India is one of the highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :** (a) to (c). The average consumption of power in the production of aluminium in leading aluminium producing countries varies from 15,655 units to 17,435 units per tonne as per the Report of International Primary Aluminium Institute, London (1983), whereas in India it varies from about 16,410 units to about 18,240 units in the three major aluminium producers in India and is about 20,200 units in the smallest aluminium producer — Madras Aluminium Company. Power consumption in a smelter is dependent on the technology adopted as well as adequacy and steadiness of power supply. The aluminium producers have been making endeavours to reduce energy consumption in the smelters through better control techniques and modernization measures. The smelter being set up by the National Aluminium Company in

Orissa is based on the latest technology and its energy consumption will be comparable to modern smelters abroad.

**Energy and Man-Power used per Tonne  
Production of Coal**

4477. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether energy and man-power used in the country per tonne production of coal is one of the highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof in comparison with some other advanced/more efficient countries; and

(c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

**Loan Sanctioned by Nationalised  
Banks to Adivasis and Tribals  
in North Eastern Region**

4478. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATORE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loan sanctioned by the nationalised banks for industries during the year 1984-85 for the border States of North Eastern Region and the amount actually disbursed;

(b) the amount of loan out of it, sanctioned for adivasis and tribals and the amount actually given to them;

(c) the amount of loan sanctioned for the non-tribals and the amount of loan actually given to them and also the amount, out of it, given to new entrepreneurs;

(d) whether the sanctioned amount of loan has not actually been given; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (e). The data reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India for the public sector banks, does not yield the information in the manner asked for. However, as per the latest available data with the Reserve Bank of India, as on the last Friday of December, 1983 the outstanding advances to small scale units in the North Eastern Region was Rs. 42.32 crores involving 26887 units (Data provisional).

**Availability of Pump Sets through Banks  
in Madhubani and Darbhanga,  
(Bihar)**

4479. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether on the occasion of birthday celebration of late Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru on 17th November, 1983 the then Member of Parliament of the Madhubani area inaugurated a pump set operating without diesel and electricity in Bahadurpur Block in Darbhanga district and whether after that, such pump sets were made available in Madhubani and Darbhanga districts through banks; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which such pump sets were not commissioned immediately throughout Bihar State, particularly in Gaya, Patna and Aurangabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

[English]

**Production of Rubber, Cashew, Cardamom,  
Coconut and Coffee in  
Kerala**

4480. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the percentage of rubber, cashewnut, cardamom, coconut