

The Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India has informed that out of the 262 units assisted by it till the end of June, 1985, 108 units have been revived and another 95 units were put under nursing programmes. The Industrial Finance Corporation of India has reported that it has put 42 units under nursing programme during the last three years.

Import of coins

2121. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coins imported from foreign countries with their names, price-wise;

(b) the amount of coins yet to be imported;

(c) total cost of these imported coins as compared to the cost if they were produced in India;

(d) (b) the number of mints in the country with their location; and

(e) the capacity of these mints in the matter of manufacturing coins ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). A total quantity of 4000 million pieces of coins of denominations of Rs. 1, 50 paise and 25 paise is being imported during 1985-87 from U.K., South Korea and Canada. Out of this 4000 million pieces, about 2000 million pieces have been received and the balance is expected to be received before the end of 1987.

The total cost of import of these coins is Rs. 131.07 crores. The cost of manufacture of these coins in the Government of India Mints is estimated around Rs. 200 crores.

(d) and (e). The existing three Mints are located in Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad. The present estimated capacity of the three Mints is about 2600 million pieces per annum. A fourth Mint is being set up at

NOIDA, UP with a capacity of 2000 million pieces per annum.

Indo-Bangladesh trade talks

2122. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any talks were held in recent weeks between India and Bangladesh to increase the volume of trade between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided inter alia, to extend the Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh for a further period of three years; that India would import urea and newsprint from Bangladesh and Bangladesh would import a larger quantity of coal from India.

Introduction of National Leather Policy

2123. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a National Leather Policy;

(b) whether such Policy is proposed to be introduced during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). A suggestion was made by the leather industry and trade in the Open House discussion held on 13.7.1986 by Commerce Minister at Madras to announce a National Leather Policy. The Council for Leather Exports, Madras, has invited suggestions from different segments of the industry to prepare blue-print to be submitted to the Government.