

[English]

Remunerative price to growers of cardamom in Sikkim

2324. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Sikkim produces the largest quantity of big cardamom but the farmers have to suffer a lot due to fluctuation of price; and

(b) if so, steps Government propose to take to ensure remunerative prices to the growers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTTI) : (a) and (b). Sikkim is the biggest producer of large cardamom in the country. There were fluctuations in prices of large of cardamom till 1984-85. With a view to ensure remunerative return to growers and to stabilise prices Cardamom Board started conducting auctions in Gangtok from October, 1985. Thereafter, the prices of big cardamom remained more or less steady around Rs. 40 per Kg.

Export of wool and woollen products

2325. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of wool and woollen products was Rs. 88.20 crores in 1984-85; and

(b) the names of States which exported these products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to Wool and Woollen Export promotion Council, the exports of wool and woollen products during 1984-85 were of the order of Rs. 88.20 crores.

(b) These exports were made mainly from Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Pending proposals for development of tourist centres in Maharashtra

2326. SHRI D. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the proposal which were sent by the State Government of Maharashtra for development of tourism centres in Maharashtra and are pending with Government;

(b) since when these proposals are pending; and

(c) the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) The Central Department of Tourism has received two project proposals from the Government of Maharashtra for construction of Beach Cottages at Ganpatipule and Way-side Facilities at Khopoli during June, 1986.

(b) and (c). Since the detailed proposals have been received only in mid June, 1986, these are under examination.

Performance of handloom export production projects

2327. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had reviewed the performance of handloom export production projects;

(b) if so, the results of the review, and

(c) the steps taken to improve their performance project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects are being implemented by State Governments who are required to periodically monitor and evaluate them. In a recent review conducted by Central Government it was found that against the targets of 19,000 looms to be covered under the projects, a total of 22,797 looms have been

covered upto March, 1984. The projects were also able to export 17.2 per cent of their production.

(c) The performance of these projects is being reviewed from time to time and corrective steps taken by the State Governments where-ever necessary, to further improve the performance of these projects.

**Loans advanced by Commercial Banks
in Karnataka**

2328. SHRI H. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount advanced by the commercial banks in Karnataka during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86:

(b) the credit-deposit ratio of the bank in Karnataka during these three years, year-wise;

(c) whether ratio conforms to the all-India; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The advances of all scheduled commercial banks in Karnataka stood at Rs. 2505 crores, Rs. 3118 crores and Rs. 3310 crores as at the end of December 1983, December 1984 and June, 1985 respectively.

(b) Credit, deposit ratio (per cent) of scheduled commercial banks at all India level and in Karnataka during the first three years is set out below :—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Karnataka</i>	<i>All-India</i>
December 1983	80.1	67.1
December 1984	84.4	68.8
June 1985	86.6	68.6

(c) and (d). Credit deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks in Karnataka was higher than that of all-India during each of the last three years.

Indo-Bangladesh discussion

2329. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Bangladesh discussions was held recently; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held and the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Bangladesh President Lt. Gen. Hussain Mohammad Ershad, accompanied by a high-level delegation visited India from July 14 to 16, 1986. Although he came primarily in his capacity as the current Chairman of SAARC, the occasion was utilised for extensive discussions between the two sides on a whole range of issues.

(b) In addition to matters concerning SAARC, bilateral issues including the sharing of Ganga waters, the early return to Bangladesh of Chakma refugees now in Tripura and measures to increase economic cooperation between the two countries were also discussed. The discussions were held in a cordial atmosphere in a spirit to resolve the problems and with a desire to further improve cooperation between the two countries.

**Concessions to exporters of leather
gloves**

2330. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters of leather gloves in the eastern region are in the grip of an acute financial crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove the financial crisis in leather industry; and

(d) whether more concessions are proposed to be granted to the leather glove exporters ?