

seizure made at the airports is kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial action.

**Finances to Agro-Based Industries by
Financial Institutions**

1222. KUMARI D.K. THARADEVI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of total finances given by each of the major financial institutions to agro-based industries during the last two years; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the percentage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The details of the assistance disbursed by various financial institutions to agro-based industries like food and food products, sugar, cotton and jute textiles, pulp and paper products, rubber and rubber products, tobacco and tea plantation etc. as a percentage of the total assistance are set out in the statement given below. The institutions consider all viable projects submitted to them for financial assistance and take decision on merits. A Textile Modernisation Fund is being set up in the IDBI for meeting the modernisation needs of the textile sector. A Sugar Development Fund has also been set up by the Government which is operated by IFCI for the sugar sector. Modernisation assistance on soft terms is provided by the financial institutions for modernisation of various industries. These measures are intended to help the growth of respective industries.

Statement

	1984-85	1985-86
	Disbursed	
1. IDBI (July-June)	19.3%	16.0%
2. IFCI (April-March)	30.0%	21.7%
3*. LIC	3.6%	1.5%
4. UTI (April-March)	20.4%	13.1%
	1984	1985
5. ICICI	27%	19%

*Figures of LIC relate to term loans only.

Export of Sea Food

1223. KUMARI D.K. THARADEVI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Export Corporation to exclusively handle export of sea food;

(b) the figures of annual export of sea food during the last three years;

(c) India's share in the world market; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase export of sea food ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Exports of Marine Products during the last three years are as follows :

Year	Export (in Rs. Crores)
1983-84	373.02
1984-85	384.29
1985-86	398.00

Source : Marine Products Export Development Authority (Cochin).

(c) About 0.74% [Source : Marine Products Export Development Authority, (Cochin) and F.A.O. Year Book, 1984].

(d) Steps taken to increase export of marine products included production of cultured shrimps, modernisation of shrimps processing plants, encouragement of production of value-added items like IOF, improvement quality of products and measures for exploitation of deep sea fishery resources.

**Racket involving sending of Foreign
Exchange to Pakistan**

1224. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :