

**Deposits in Banks**

1127. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the securities scam incident, deposits of public sector banks have been adversely affected; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rector credibility of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. The aggregate deposits of public sector banks as at the end of December 1990—9 and 1992 have been showing an increasing trend as may be seen from the figures given below.

*Deposits (Rs. in crores)*

December 1990	161944
December 1991	189835
December 1992	220597

[English]

**Export of Handicrafts**

1128. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are good prospects for increasing the exports of handicrafts to Mexico and Venezuela; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of handicrafts items to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government sponsored a sales cum—study team to Venezuela and Mexico during March, 93 to explore possibilities of enhancing export of handicrafts to these countries. The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts has been entrusted with the task of pursuing the opportunities and overcoming the constraints identified by the study team.

The Constraints identified are gaps in communication and transportation facilities etc. and the opportunities for participation in various trade events and activities have been identified.

**Unemployment Insurance Scheme**

1129. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Unemployment Insurance Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Euro Issues by Scici**

1130. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Shipping Credit and investment Company of India (SCICI) propose to raise resources through Euro issues as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated may 22, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount