

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor,
 (d) whether any target has been fixed for 1995-96;
 (e) if so, the details thereof, and
 (f) the steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of engineering sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) . (a) to (c). During 1994-95 (April'94-February'95) exports from engineering sector have tentatively registered a growth rate of 12.9% over the corresponding period of 1993-94, as against the targetted growth rate of 12%.

(d) and (e) For the year 1995-96 tentatively a target of Rs. 11620 crores has been indicated for the engineering sector exports

(f) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Measures taken to boost exports include various incentives under the Export-Import Policy including Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licences etc., Duty Drawback Scheme, exemption under section 80HHC of Income Tax Act, assistance from Market Development Fund and making available deferred credit and line of credit to facilitate exports. In addition, a new scheme called Engineering Products Export (Replenishment of Iron & Steel Intermediates) Scheme has been notified by the Government on 13.9.95. Engineering goods exporters also received promotional support under the various activities of the Engineering Export Promotion Council.

Bank Loans to Entrepreneurs in U.P.

6388 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh given bank loans during the last three years;

(b) the number of educated unemployed persons whose names were recommended by the District Industrial Centres but have not been given the loan so far, and

(c) the time by which all the eligible persons are likely to get the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY) (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the loans sanctioned by banks under the scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) PMRY which was launched on 2nd October, 1993 is aimed at providing employment to the educated unemployed youth. SEEUY has since been subsumed with PMRY with effect from 1st April, 1994. The

information about the number of applications received and sanctioned under PMRY in the State of Uttar Pradesh for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto February 28, 1995) is indicated below :

Year	No of Applications recommended	No. of Applications sanctioned
1993-94	12,691	3,995
1994-95 (upto Feb 28, 95)*	42,365	13,459

* Provisional data furnished by State Bank of India, Convenor, State Level Bankers' Committee for the State of Uttar Pradesh

Banks are under instructions to dispose of loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs 25,000/- within a fortnight and those for over Rs 25,000/- within 8-9 weeks. Reserve Bank of India/Government have advised the banks to dispose of the applications within the prescribed limits.

[English]

Reopening of Ambari-Falakata Aerodrome

6389. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government propose to reopen Ambari-Falakata Aerodrome in Jalpaiguri,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) to (c) The airstrip at Ambari-Falakata belongs to a private party. Due to lack of demand from airlines, Airports Authority of India has no plan to develop a new airport in Jalpaiguri.

[Translation]

Bird Hit incidents

6390 SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of incidents of bird hits took place during the year 1993-94;

(b) the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) The number of incidents of bird hit during 1993-94 was 132.