

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Bilateral Trade between India and Turkey

3711. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the session of the Indo-Turkish Joint Committee took place in New Delhi recently.

(b) if so, the matters discussed at the meeting ;

(c) the items of export to Turkey; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions broadly pertained to matters regarding bilateral trade, cooperation in the IRD field of agriculture and industry, besides third country projects.

(c) Major items of export to Turkey are textile fabrics, made-ups and related products, textile yarn, machinery and transport equipment.

(d) During the Joint Committee meeting, the two sides expressed their desire to increase the bilateral trade through various export promotion measures like participation in trade fairs, exchange of delegations, joint ventures, cooperation in third country projects.

[Translation]

Rules Regarding Recruitment of Local People in Nationalised Banks

3712. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any rules have been framed for giving preference to the local people in the recruitment of officers and staff for the various branches of nationalised banks to be opened in tribal areas;

(b) if not, whether Government have a proposal that the local people should be given preference for the effective expansion of banking facilities in tribal areas; and

(c) if so, whether Government are likely to issue guidelines in this regard to all the banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) to (c) Recruitment to jobs in the public sector banks is made through open competitive examinations, on All India basis in the case of officers, and on regional basis in the case of clerical staff. As regards recruitment of subordinate staff, such recruitment is made through local employment exchanges. There are reservations for candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes as per the declared policy of the Government. The Banking Service Recruitment Boards have been taking special measures to step up recruitment of candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes in the public sector banks.

[English]

Coal deposit in Ib Valley of Orissa

3713. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of coal deposits in the Ib Valley of Orissa according to the recent survey undertaken; and

(b) the steps being taken to explore the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) According to the recent assessment made by Geological Survey of India a total reserve of 11145 million tonnes of coal has been established in Ib Valley Coalfields, Sambalpur district, Orissa.

(b) The detailed exploration is being done in Ib valley Coalfield to identify mineable coal reserves. Two new projects namely Belpahar OC and Lajkura OC with 2.0 m t. and 1.0 m.t. per annum capacity respectively have since been taken up and coal production in these projects have started recently. Subject to confirmation of coal demand, it is proposed to plan three more mines namely Samleshwari OC, Gopalpur OC and Belpahar-II OC during the 7th Five Year Plan period.