

Loans Advanced by Banks

7078. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to some drawback in the procedure of advancing loans through bank in the rural areas, the number of loan seekers has declined on the one hand while on the other repayment is not being made by the persons who have already taken such loans;

(b) if so, whether the main factor responsible for this is that there is no link between the bank credit and productivity;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the amount given as loans by the regional rural banks, cooperative banks, commercial banks to the rural people is utilised for increasing production and is linked with productivity.

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K.GADHVI) : (a) The number of borrowal accounts under Priority Sector, Direct Agriculture, Weaker Sections, DRI Scheme, Twenty Point programme, have all shown an increasing trend during the three years ending June, 1985, June 1986 and June 1987. The percentage of recovery to demand as at the end of June 1984, 1985 and 1986 in respect of direct agricultural advances of commercial banks has also shown an increasing trend.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Foreign Exchange Earnings for Mineral Export

7079. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed for export of minerals during 1987-88 is likely to be achieved:

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to give incentives to mineral producing State like Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The export target for minerals could not be achieved due to depressed mineral prices, change in steel making technology lower exports to certain markets; etc.

(c) and (d) Government has extended the benefit of 100% E.O.U. Scheme to mining sector and abolished export duty on mica except mica scrap.

Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes of Rajasthan

7080. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL:
PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI
SHAKTAWAT:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several major and medium irrigation projects of Rajasthan are pending with Union Government;