

power output" appearing in the "The Hindustan Times" dated the 19th October, 1980;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto; and

(c) what effective steps have been or proposed to be taken to eradicate the snag in ensuring optimum coal production and its timely supply to the thermal power stations for higher power generation in the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY. (SHRI VIKARAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). The thermal power output in the country during April-September '80 was higher than during the same period last year. Steps have been taken to ensure that coal production is increased further in the remaining part of the year. Coal production in April-October, 1980 was nearly 3.75 million tonnes higher than in the same period last year. The steps taken include better supply of power to coal mines, improving law and order in coalfields with the assistance of the State Government, better management etc. The movement of coal by Railways to the thermal power plants has been given very high priority and currently on an average 3070 wagons/day are being moved to the thermal stations which would be stepped up to a higher level in the near future to meet the demand of the thermal plants. However, it is felt that

quicker release of wagons by the power stations and reduction in the loading time of wagons at the mines would lead to a better wagon availability for loading coal to the power stations and other consumers.

Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank

208. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loan has been granted by the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Ltd., Madras in the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details of the purpose for which loans were granted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in statements I & II. While the purpose indicated in the Annexures is from the point of view of the recipients of the loan, from the point of view of the Bank, all loans except the bridge loan, are for the absorption of Sri Lanka repatriates. The institutions availing the bridge loan have absorbed Sri Lanka repatriates earlier

Statement 1

Loan disbursed during the period from 1-4-80 to 31-10-80.

1. No. of loans	5
2. Amount disbursed	Rs. 12.90 lakhs (includes bridge loan of Rs. 10.00 lakhs to Chirala Cooperative Spinning Mills, Chirala, (A.P.).
3. Purpose	Purchase of machinery, working capital starting of Silk Twisting units and employment of repatriates.
4. No. of repatriates employed	21

The Break-up details for the loan disbursed :

S. No.	Name of the Institution	Amount	Purpose	No. of repatriates
1	M/s. Preme Belt, Coimbatore.	Rs. 0.20 lakhs (final instalment)	Purchase of machinery	3
2	M/s. Shahabudeen Textiles, Anthiyur, Periyar Distt.	Rs. 0.90 lakhs	For purchase of additional machinery and working capital	6
3	Tamil Nadu Silk Producers Industrial Coop. Marketing Federation, Kancheepuram.	Rs. 0.90 lakhs (first instalment)	starting of units	6 couples
4	M/s. T.M.M. Textiles, Anthiyur, Periyar District	Rs. 0.90 lakhs	Expansion	6
5	Chirala Cooperative Spinning Mills, Chirala, A.P.	Rs. 10.00 lakhs	bridge loan	—

Statement II

LOAN APPLICATIONS SANCTIONED DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1-4-1980 TO 31-10-1980

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Amount	No. of repatriates	Purpose
1	Khadi & Village Industries Board, Madras	Rs. 22.84 lakhs	240 couples	Starting of units
2	Gandhigram, Madurai	Rs. 5.98 lakhs	75 couples	Do.
3	Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation, Coonoor, Nilgiris District	Rs. 15.00 lakhs	(bridge loan)	—
4	Sun Industries, Bangalore	Rs. 4.95 lakhs	33	Working capital
5	Shervarayan Estate, Yercaud	Rs. 3.00 lakhs	20 couples	Improvement of estate
6	Sri Prasad Enterprises, Bangalore	Rs. 1.20 lakhs	8	Working capital
7	Chirala Cooperative Spinning Mills, Chirala, Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 10.00 lakhs	(brides loan)	—
8	Sri Ganesh Oil Industries, Madras	Rs. 7.50 lakhs	50	Installation of crushing units