

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have been reviewing the performance of public sector banks and financial institutions on an on going basis. Appropriate instructions for taking necessary corrective measure are issued to them from time-to-time.

(c) and (d). The performance of various Central Government Sponsored Schemes are periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors of public sector banks, Reserve Bank of India and Government of India and steps, as are necessary, taken to make these schemes more effective and responsive to the needs of the people.

319 *Export*  
**Disbursing of Duty Drawback Amount to Exporters**

6037. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDEL-AWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not been disbursing the Duty Drawback amount to the exporters for the last twelve months:

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the time by which it will be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government have been disbursing duty drawback amounts to exporters for the last twelve months as usual.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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**Revitalisation Programme for Public Sector Shipyards**

6038. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed a revitalisation programme for public sector shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would generate more capital in the shipping industry; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). A number of steps are presently under consideration of the Govt. for revival of the Shipyards. These include capital restructuring, upward revision of Govt. subsidy payable for construction of ocean going vessels, duty free imports upto 50% of realisable price of vessels etc.

(c) and (d). While revitalisation programme of public sector shipyards will have no direct bearing on the generation of capital in the shipping industry, it will certainly have a beneficial effect on the financial position of the public sector shipyards.

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**Merger of MITCO with MMTC**

6039. SHRI BINODE BIHARI MAHATO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mica Trading Corporation (MITCO) has been merged with Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC);

(b) if so, when and the reason thereof;

(c) whether all the employees of MITCO have been given the MMTC scales of pay after the merger;

(d) if so, the facts in details; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI  
P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, sir.

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

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**Motor Accident Claims Tribunals**

6040. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:  
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Govern-  
ment has been drawn to the news-item  
captioned "Tribunals come under fire for  
tardiness" appearing in the 'Indian Express'  
dated August 21, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the  
action taken or proposed to be taken in the  
matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Section 165 of the Motor  
Vehicles Act, the responsibility for setting up  
of the Claim Tribunals and the procedures to  
be followed by them rests with the State  
Govts. The recommendations made in the  
Study Report have been forwarded to the  
State Govts. as also the nationalised insur-  
ance companies for taking appropriate ac-  
tion for speedy disposal of the claim cases.

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**Bank Charges for Handling Foreign  
Exchange/Transactions**

6041. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
refer to the reply given to Unstarred Ques-  
tion No. 699 on July 26, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the charges listed in the  
booklet titled "Rules of Foreign Exchange  
Dealers' Association of India" are mandatory  
or the banks can levy higher charges; and

(b) the name of the agency which has  
been set up or exists for redressal of griev-  
ances of exporters in respect of higher  
charges levied by banks for handling foreign  
exchange transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR  
SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India  
(RBI) has reported that the charges levied by  
authorised dealers in India as prescribed by  
the Foreign Exchange Dealers Association  
of India and listed in their booklet, are man-  
datory. The authorised dealer, i.e. the banks,  
cannot levy charges other than those pre-  
scribed therein.

(b) The exporters can approach the  
Foreign Exchange Dealers' Association of  
India at their address, 17th Floor, Maker  
Towers F. Cuffe Parade, Bombay-5, for  
redressal of their grievances pertaining to  
charges levied by the authorised dealers.

322 *Foreign Exchange*  
**Alleged FERA Violation in Rice Deal**

6042. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether attention of the Govern-  
ment has been drawn to the news item  
caption "Massive FERA Violation in Rice  
Deal" appearing in the Indian Express dated  
August 23, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that several  
serious cases of FERA violations amounting  
crores of rupees involving a group of influen-  
tial rice exporters from Bombay have come  
to light;

(c) if so, the details of the exporters  
involved in the rice export deal and the action  
taken against them;

(d) the details of other cases of FERA