

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). All scheduled commercial banks and the urban cooperative banks have been instructed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide housing finance to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, economically weaker sections and other categories including low and middle income groups throughout the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh as per norms prescribed by them from time to time. The housing finance falling under the following categories is classified as 'Priority Sector' lending:

- i) Direct Finance- loans upto Rs. 5,000/- each granted to SC/ST and economically weaker sections
- ii) Indirect Finance - assistance given to any governmental agency for purpose of constructing houses exclusively for the benefit of SC/STs and economically weaker sections and where loans component does not exceed Rs 5,000/- per unit

The present data reporting system does not generate district-wise information. However, the outstanding balance of advance towards housing under Priority Sector of all scheduled commercial banks in Uttar Pradesh as on June, 1988 (latest available) was Rs. 17.22 crores

[English]

Sweepers in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

7618 SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The total number of sweepers working in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur on temporary and part-time basis and period since when they are working;

(b) whether instructions of Department of Personnel and Training regarding appointment of persons holding post of sweepers, farrashes etc. as peons have been followed by the Bank; and

(c) if so, the number of sweepers appointed as peons during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur has reported that there are no temporary Sweepers on its rolls. The total number of part time Sweepers working in the bank as on 1.1 1990 was 469.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 49.

Promotion of Peon in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

7619 SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of promotions made in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur from Peon Cadre to Record-cum-godown Keeper in March, 1987,

(b) the number of SC/ST candidates who appeared in the interviews held in this regard and how many were selected finally;

(c) whether interviews were held in 1988 at Jaipur for recruitment of Armed Guards in the Bank;

(d) whether the interest of SC/ST candidates was protected by including SC/ST representatives in the above interview committee and

(e) if not, the action initiated by Government against the erring officials of the Bank for violation of Government directives?