

(d) the number of regional rural banks out of these proposed to be opened in Hassan district in Karnataka?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The number of Regional Rural Banks sponsored by nationalised banks in Karnataka is 13.

(b) These banks are functioning in the districts of Bellary, Raichur, Dharwar, Belgaum, Mysore, Hassan, Gulbarga, Bidar, Chitradurga, Tumkur, Bangalore (Rural), Kolar, Bijapur, Chikmagalur, Kodagu, Shimoga, Dakshin Kannada and Mandya.

(c) There is no proposal at present to open any new Regional Rural Banks in Karnataka during 1990.

(d) Hassan district is already covered by Cauvery Grameena Bank and there is no proposal to open another Regional Rural Bank in the district.

Export Processing Zone in Bangalore

9446. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken a decision to set up Export Processing Zone at White Field, Bangalore to boost country's export earnings;

(b) if so, the reason for the delay in its setting up; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to set it up early to cater to expanding garment and silk export industries in and around Bangalore City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

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

Indo-US Joint Economic and Commercial Sub-Commission Talks

9447. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:
SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the talks held recently at the Indo-US joint economic and commercial sub-commission meeting;

(b) the subjects discussed and the outcome of the meeting; and

(c) the follow up action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c). The Indo-US Economic and Commercial Sub Commission has been established under the aegis of the Indo-US Joint Commission to discuss matters of mutual economic and commercial interest. The agenda of the meeting of the Sub Commission held in Washington on 2-3 April, 1990 included the following:

(i) Economic Overview—discussion on economic prospects in India, the US and globally.

(ii) Matters concerning bilateral trade in goods and services and bilateral investment.

(iii) Uruguay Round—Assessment by both sides of progress and key