

The subdued growth in the banks credit in both the sectors this year is attributable to the perceptible slow down in the expansion of non-food credit during the current financial year. so far , on account of the following factors:

- (i) Banks have been exercising caution with regard to lending in view of stricter provisioning norms and the introduction of a capital to risk-assets ratio.
- (ii) Banks have undertaken a larger amount of write-offs in March, 1993.
- (iii) A number of large borrowers have increased their recourse to commercial Paper.
- (iv) A number of companies having raised large amounts from the capital market in 1992-93 are flushed with funds and have reduced their borrowings from banks.
- (v) Some of the large public sector units, particularly in trading activity, have reduced their borrowings from banks.

Air Service to North Eastern Region

*327. SHRI LAETA UMBREY:
SHRI KABINDRA
PURKAYASTHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided to correct important and less accessible towns in the North-Easter region through helicopter services to be operated by the Pawan Hans Limited;

(b) if so, whether the helicopter services have been introduced;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) whether the crew constraint of the Indian Airlines and fleet position of the Vayudoot have improved;

(e) if so, whether the services of the Indian Airlines and the Vayudoot in the North East have been increased; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The North Eastern Council has advised that the modalities for disbursement of subsidy to Pawan Hans Limited for the operations are yet to be finalised.

(d) to (f). It has not been possible to increase operations in the North East owing to commercial reasons. In addition Vayudoot is faced with severe capacity constraints.

Textile Mills in Orissa

*328. SHRI SHIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile mills in Orissa;

(b) the number of mills out of them which are running into losses;

(c) whether there is any proposal to