

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The old Mandovi Bridge on NH 17 collapsed on 5-7-1986.

(b) The tender for recommissioning of the bridge was awarded on 11-6-1987 to M/s. Gammon India Ltd., Bombay, for Rs. 477 lakhs.

(c) The time limit specified in the contract for completion of the work was eighteen months excluding monsoon period. The specified penalty in the contract is ten per cent maximum of the contract value in the form of liquidated damages.

(d) The amount paid to the contractor as on 16-7-1991 is Rs. 348.24 lakhs.

(e) The old Mandovi Bridge is likely to be completed by June, 1992.

Export of Tea

4130. DR. A. K. PATEL :
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of tea exported in the years 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985 and 1990;

(b) the principal countries to which tea was exported during the above years; and

(c) the steps Government propose to explore new markets in the world boost tea exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The quantity and value of tea exported during the years are as follows :

Year	Qty. (M. Kgs.)	Value (Rs. crores)
1960	193.06	119.99
1970	202.34	149.80
1980	224.78	432.55
1985	214.94	703.59
1990	199.66*	1028.20

*Estimated.

(b) The principal countries to which tea was exported during these years are U. K., Ireland, Netherlands, West Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, USSR, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Japan, A. R. E., Sudan, Tunisia, USA, Canada and Australia.

(c) In order to retrieve the lost share of Indian tea in GCA countries, the Tea Board and Government have taken suitable measures to boost export of tea from India and maximise foreign exchange earnings. The important measures include—

(a) Launching of Darjeeling and Assam Logos campaign in UK by the Tea Board in order to get the upper end of the market.

(b) Thrust to boost exports of value added teas like tea in packets, tea bags, and instant teas in the developed industrialised countries and West Asia. For this purpose the Tea Board is not only giving promotional support to individual brands of packers but also giving interest free loan in order to enable individual packers to advertise their brands.

(c) The devaluation of rupee coupled with eximscripts at the rate of 30%/40% of FOB value are expected to make Indian tea more competitive in the

international market as also to work as an incentive to export more teas.

- (d) Measures, both short and long term, have been adopted to increase production of tea so as to make more tea available for export after satisfying domestic consumption.

(Translation)

Opening of Bank Branches in Backward Rural Areas of Bihar

4131. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of nationalised banks operating in Sitamarhi District of Bihar and the locations thereof?

(b) whether the Government propose to open new branches of the nationalised banks in the backward rural areas of Bihar;

(c) if so, the locations thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) As on 30-6-1991, 57 branches of Public Sector Banks were functioning in Sitamarhi District of Bihar. Bank-wise location of these branches are given in the attached statement.

(b) to (d) Under the extant branch licensing policy (1990—95), opening of branches of nationalised banks is a continuous process, which is governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of nationalised banks that will be opened in backward rural areas of

Bihar.

STATEMENT

Name of Bank	Name of Centre
State Bank of India	Bairagnia
	Belsand
	Chakautai
	Dastta
	Harari Dularpur
	Jagdhari
	Madhuban Basaha
	Mehsole
	Paribar
	Pupari (Janakpur Road)
	Sitamarhi
	Sitamarhi
	Sitamarhi
Allahabad Bank	Akhia
	Bangaon
	Bathnaha
	Mahindwara
	Matiyarkalan
	Pachtaki Jadu
	Sitamarhi
	Sonbarsa
Bank of Baroda	Adauri
	Amwakalan
	Haripurwa
	Hinrolwabishunpur
	Mahesia
	Majholia
	Patahi
	Sitamarhi
Bank of India	Bhasar Machhaha
	Bhitha-Dharampur
	Hirauta Duma
	Kataiya
	Pariwaha
	Sahsaram
	Sitamarhi