

a service on the sector Delhi/Chandigarh/Kulu, thrice a week, from the middle of May to the middle of July and again from the middle of September to the end of October.

(b) The traffic demand to Kulu being seasonal in nature, the Corporation's existing pattern of operations meets the requirement.

Opening of Banks in Orissa

1810 SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN-
GO: Will the Minister of REVENUE
AND BANKING be pleased to state

(a) the total number of nationalised banks opened in Orissa State so far,

(b) how many of them have been opened in the backward and tribal areas of the State,

(c) the criteria adopted to open banks in the un-banked areas, and

(d) whether Government have issued any instructions to the nationalised banks to open the branches in the rural areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-
CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF REVENUE AND BANKING
(SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHER-
JEE) (a) and (b) Available Dis-
trict-wise data relating to branches
of public sector banks in Orissa as
on 30th June, 1976 are set out in the
Statement laid on the Table of the
House [Placed in Library See No
LT-11260/76]

(c) and (d) While opening branches at unbanked centres banks take into account several factors like availability of infra structural facilities, potential for deposit mobilisation scope for credit disbursal particular y to the neglected sectors Since bank nationalisation the accent of branch expansion policy has been on opening of more branches in the hitherto

neglected areas and rural semi-urban centres The commercial banks have been advised by the Reserve Bank of India to include as many unbanked/underbanked centres as possible in their branch expansion plans and pay particular attention to Eastern and North Eastern Regions as also to the districts where the population per bank office exceeds 75,000

Regional Rural Banks in Orissa

1811 SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN-
GO: Will the Minister of REVENUE
AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Regional Rural Banks already opened State-wise;

(b) how many of them were opened in the tribal areas,

(c) the proposals for the current financial year for opening the Rural Banks, State-wise, and

(d) the number of Rural Banks to be opened in the tribal districts of Orissa in the year 1976-77?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-
CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF REVENUE AND BANKING
(SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHER-
JEE) (a) Required information is
given in the statement I laid on the
table of the House [Placed in Lib-
rary See No LT-11261/76]

(b) Six Regional Rural Banks have their areas of operation covering 11 districts having a good concentration of tribal population

(c) Government have decided to open 15 more Regional Rural Banks shortly The State-wise location of these banks is given in statement II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No LT-11261/76]