

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]

A target for establishing in all 50 Regional Rural Banks by the end of current financial year has been fixed. Since the locations of the remaining 11 banks are still to be decided, State-wise figures cannot be furnished at this stage.

(d) Out of the 4 Regional Rural Banks established/to be established in Orissa, two will have their areas of operation covering districts having a good concentration of tribal population.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

1812. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN-
GO: Will the Minister of TOURISM
AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have submitted any proposals for the development of tourism in the State:

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the allocation made by his Ministry for all round development of tourism in Orissa during the year 1976-77?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHR SUREN-DRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). (i) The Government of Orissa sent proposals in January, 1974 for the provision of motor launches at Chilka Lake, Bhitari Kanika and Raigoda sanctuary at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 lakhs; (ii) a request for the construction of a forest rest house at Simlipal National Park was received in December 1975, and (iii) proposal for the supply of a motor launch at Chilka Lake at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.53,500 in 1976. (iv) The Government of Orissa also sought the assistance of ITDC in preparing a master plan for the development of a beach complex at Konarak.

Due mainly to constraint on resources, the proposals regarding the provision of motor launches at Bhitari Kanika and Raigoda sanctuary, and the construction of a forest rest house at Simlipal National Park could not be included in the Fifth Five Year Plan of the Department of Tourism. However, the proposal for providing a motor launch at Chilka Lake is under consideration. The India Tourism Development Corporation have indicated their willingness to render necessary assistance to the State Government in the preparation of a master plan for the development of a beach complex at Konarak.

The Government of Orissa also requested the Central Department of Tourism to recommend their proposals for the construction of roads leading to the Lalitgiri and Ratnagiri caves in Orissa, and the construction of a Marine Drive from Puri to Konarak to the Ministry of Shipping and Transport. This has been done in the case of the former, while the latter is also being so recommended.

(c) The India Tourism Development Corporation proposes to take up the expansion of its Travellers Lodge at Bhubaneswar during 1976-77. A provision of Rs. 10 lakhs has been approved by the Planning Commission for expenditure during 1976-77.

Closure of Priyalakshmi Mills at Baroda

1813. SHRI FATEH SINGHRAO GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Priyalakshmi Mills at Baroda has been closed since last fifteen months affecting over 3,000 workers and 15,000 persons;

(b) when will it be re-started; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to give interim relief to the affected workers?