

per rural/semi-urban branch.
 Estimated Rural/Semi-urban
 Population 12,000
 per rural/Semi-urban branch after
 utilisation of pending authorisations.

Tea Production in Hill Areas of U.P

6024. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of tea estimated to be produced in Uttar Pradesh during this year;

(b) whether his Ministry has formulated any scheme to increase the tea production in hill areas to this State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by his Ministry to improve the present critical condition of tea plantations in these areas

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) While no authoritative assessment is available, the production in 1985 could be comparable to the 1984 production of 430 M. Tons under favourable weather conditions' prices.

(b) to (d). The Tea Board has been exploring possibilities of reviving existing tea estates and opening of new tea plantations in Hill areas of Uttar Pradesh. However, there is a problem of availability of suitable land from State Government as new plantations will involve felling of forest trees. A complex of CSIR has been set up at Palampur (Himachal Pradesh) to look into Research and Development needs of tea plantations in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. The tea growers can also make use of the existing subsidy

and loan schemes of the Tea Board for development of the tea plantations.

Lack of Coordination Between District Level Lead Banks and Commercial Banks for Loan Disbursement to Weaker Sections

6025. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that there is generally lack of coordination between district level lead banks and other commercial bank in the implementation of loan disbursement programmes for poor and weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, whether he is also aware that in the absence of this co-ordination, hurdles are coming in the way of implementing the programmes for the uplift poor people; and

(c) if so, the instructions proposed to be issued to all concerned for bringing necessary coordination for this purpose in all the banks operating at district level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Under the Lead Bank Scheme, District Credit Plans and Annual Action Plans are drawn up by lead bank in which credit outlays are estimated sector-wise and for different activities including provision for finance for weaker/sections. Outlays under Integrated Rural Development Programme are separately shown in the credit plans. Each Bank in a District is allotted its share under the plan targets and performance of the Banks is reviewed and monitored in District Consultative Committee Meetings. Further, a Standing Committee of DCC also reviews the performance of banks in the area of IRDP which is intended for weaker sections. Wherever performance of any bank is found to be lower than the target allotted, such banks are advised to improve their performance.