

(a) whether there is fall in the sale of cigarettes since the hike in Central excise on cigarettes in September, 1985;

(b) if so, the extent of fall in sales;

(c) the consumption of cigarettes in the country in 1983, 1984 and 1985, year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the loss in revenue due to fall in the sale of cigarettes ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Issue of licences to Nainital-Almora Regional Rural Bank for opening of branches

3829. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nainital-Almora Regional Rural Bank has been issued licences for opening new branches during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, the number of such licences issued and the places for which these have been issued; and

(c) when these branches are likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that no licences have been issued so far to the Nainital-Almora Regional Rural Bank for opening new bank offices during 1986-87

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Show Rooms of N.T.C. in Uttar Pradesh

3830. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Textile Corporation proposes to open some show rooms in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1986-87; and

(b) if so, when and the names of the places where these show rooms are proposed to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Opening of show-rooms in hill areas will be considered only after assessing the demand and reviewing the performance of the two show-rooms opened last year. However, at present there is no proposal to open any show-room in Uttar Pradesh during 1986-87.

Issue of licences to nationalised banks for opening of branches in Pithoragarh District (Uttar Pradesh)

3831. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of proposals received by the Reserve Bank of India from various nationalised banks of district Pithoragarh, Uttar Pradesh to set up their branches during 1986-87 and the number of licences issued by the Reserve Bank in this regard; and

(b) the names of the places for which licences have been issued to open branches and the time by which these branches will be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) : Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has not received any application from any of the 20-Nationalised Banks for opening branches in Pithoragarh District (Uttar Pradesh) in 1986.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of essential commodities to Uttar Pradesh

3832. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state ;