

Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	Arrested	Number of persons	
		Prosecuted	Detained
3.37	133	49	16

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(b) if so, whether some arrests have been made in this regard;

(c) whether during investigation it has been revealed that there is some foreign hand in production and circulation of such fake notes;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether some clues have hinted the possibility of other similar gangs in other parts of the country; and

(f) if so, details thereof ?

[English]

Schemes for development of Thakkedy and Munnar (Idukki) distt. as tourist resorts

2173. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the importance of Thakkedy and Munnar in Idukki district as tourist resorts;

(b) whether Government have any schemes for the further development of these places as tourist centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned two out-board engine boats at the cost of Rs. 1.58 lakhs for Thakkedy during 1985-86 in addition to the boating facilities already provided by the State Government. The State Government also has schemes for the construction of the watch tower in the forest, construction of guest houses and developing trekking route from Thakkedy to Mangladevi temple.

In Munnar a guest house is already available and the State Government have acquired 18 acres of land for the construction of additional guest house.

Circulation of fake ten rupee note

2174. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an inter-State gang engaged in the production and circulation of fake ten-rupee notes was nabbed recently;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (f). According to the Central Bureau of Investigation, there has been no report of any Inter-State gang engaged in the production and circulation of fake ten rupee notes. However, in February, 86, Tamil Nadu Police authorities have reported the arrest of one person, who was found in possession of fifty-five fake notes of Rs. 10/- denomination.

[Translation]

Opening of branches of SBI at Chillyanaula and Bhairangkhal in Almora

2175. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to open branches of State Bank of India at Chillyanaula and Bhairangkhal in Almora district during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, when these branches are likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that State Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce applied for opening their branches at Chillyanaula in February and April 1985 respectively. The applications

were not considered by RBI since the period of old policy expired on 31st March, 1985 and a new branch expansion policy for the Seventh Plan was under formulation. This centre has been included in the list of potential growth centres identified by Lead Bank Group and finalised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The question of allotment of the centre to Regional Rural Bank or commercial bank will be considered by RBI in due course in terms of new Branch Licensing Policy. As regards centre Bhairngkhal, no proposal has been received by RBI from any bank. This centre has not been included in the list of potential growth centres received by RBI through Government of Uttar Pradesh under the current Branch Licensing Policy.

Utilisation of gold for productive purposes

2176. SHRI K. N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the quantity of gold in the country;
- (b) the quantity of gold out of that which is not being put to any productive use; and
- (c) whether Government propose to amend Gold Control Act with a view to utilising this gold for productive purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Suggestions for improving working of banks

2177. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether he had invited some suggestions from officers to improve the working of banks, in his first meeting at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi in the first week of July, 1986;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the suggestions made; and
- (c) the initiative taken by Government to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The salient features of the suggestions made in the meeting are as follows :

1. Public sector deposits should not be taken into account in assessing the performance of banks.
2. Finance Minister should interact, at appropriate intervals, with representatives of Bank employees.
3. There should be better utilisation of human resources available in the banking system.

These suggestions have been accepted by Government. It has been decided to undertake a study of human resources management in banks through an expert body like NIBM.

[English]

Setting up of Industries in States/ Union Territories

2178. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the promises, if any, for setting up industry or promoting any other type of economic activity or financial assistance made by the Prime Minister during his visits to States/Union Territories;
- (b) the amount of money involved in each such promise;
- (c) the source of funds for implementation of such promises and their respective stage of implementation; and
- (d) if the funds have been already budgeted for the relevant head of budget ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). The emphasis of announcement by the Prime Minister during his visit to the States has been on restructuring of policies and programmes and on method of implementation to ensure better utilisation of available resources. A statement showing the various projects/assistance announced during the PM's visit is given below.