

getting working capital finance from banks in their quarterly meetings to ensure proper coordination.

Branches of Bank of Maharashtra in Orissa and Bihar

1677. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Bank of Maharashtra in Orissa and Bihar;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more branches of Bank of Maharashtra in these States; and

(c) if so, the number of branches of the bank proposed to be opened in Orissa and Bihar during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that allotment of identified centres to banks in rural and semi-urban areas is generally made on the basis of their representation in the District/Area with the intention to see that the banks are not burdened with isolated/stray branches causing difficulties in having effective control and supervision over their far flung branches. Since Bank of Maharashtra does not have any branch in rural and semi-urban areas of Orissa and Bihar, RBI has not allotted any centre to Bank of Maharashtra in these States. Bank of Maharashtra has got its branch at only one urban centre in Bihar.

Budget Deficit

1678. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Budget deficit has been brought down for 1988-89 from Rs. 7940 crores to Rs. 5,800 crores;

(b) the details of achievements in revenue collection during the year 1989;

(c) whether the indirect taxes collection was more than the target;

(d) whether it is also a fact that if the deficit is further brought down the balance of payments position of the country will be improved; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures such as to cut down Government expenditure etc. proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) According to data received from Reserve Bank of India, the budgetary deficit in 1988-89 amounted to Rs. 5809 crores as against the Revised estimate of Rs. 7940 crores.

(b) and (c). The revenue realisation under the principal heads of taxes and duties were as follows:

	<i>(Rs. crores)</i>		
	<i>R.E. 1988-89</i>	<i>Provisional actuals</i>	<i>Increase over the R.E.</i>
Direct taxes:			
Corporation tax and income tax	7930	8502	+ 572
Indirect taxes:	34267	34323	+ 56
Customs	15812	15656	- 156
Union Excise duties (administered by CBEC)	18455	18667	+ 212

(d) Balance of payments position of the country is influenced by a number of factors. A lower budgetary deficit helps to a certain extent.

(e) As a measure to contain budgetary deficit, the Ministries have been instructed to keep the expenditure within the budget provisions. Economy instructions on travel, furnishings, fuel expenses, entertainment, etc. are continued this year. Ministries have also been advised to review all their schemes so that low priority and inessential schemes are cut down.

Seizure of Gold Biscuits on Delhi-Haryana Border

1679. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 206 foreign marked gold biscuits weighing over 24 Kgs. were seized by officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence from a Maruti car on Delhi-Haryana border in June, 1989;

(b) if so, the details of the persons apprehended; and

(c) the stage at which the prosecution stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A.K. PANJA): Yes, Sir. The Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 206 foreign-marked gold biscuits weighing over 24 Kgs worth Rs. 76.88 lakhs approximately from a Maruti car on Delhi-Haryana border on 8th June, 1989.

(b) and (c). Three persons namely: S/ Shri Mahesh Chauhan, Vijay Kumar Dharna and Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal have been arrested. The complaint has to yet been filed in the Court of Law.

Railway Hospital at Beladanga Station

1680. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway hospital at Beladanga station on the Sealdah-Lalgola Section of Eastern Railway has not started functioning;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The construction of building of health unit at Beladanga has been completed. The health unit will start functioning soon after sanction and placement of staff, action for which has already been initiated.

Expansion of Advance Flood Forecasting Net work Programme in Orissa

1682. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
DR. PHULRENU GUHA:
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number Flood forecasting sites set up in the country so far;

(b) the location of these sites;

(c) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of Advance Flood Forecasting network during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the plan drawn up, particularly for Orissa and West Bengal?