

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) According to the programme drawn up by Reserve Bank of India, Advanced Ledger Posting Machines are to be installed at branches, Mini Computers at Regional/Divisional Offices and Main Frame Computers at Head Offices. In so far as Bangalore city is concerned, Reserve Bank of India has reported that 256 Advanced Ledger Posting Machines (ALPMs) have been installed in 105 branches at Bangalore as on 31st October, 1986.

(b) and (c) The cost of one ALPM is approximately around Rs. 72,000/-. In addition to this expenditure, the banks may have to incur, depending on location of the branch and other environmental conditions additional expenditure for air conditioning where considered necessary and equipping with such other necessary facilities. The expenditure per branch would depend on the number of machines installed and the nature of other facilities required to be equipped in the branches, which would vary from branch to branch.

(d) As the systems are yet to stabilise and get acceptance from all concerned, it is too early to assess the impact of installation of these machines.

Syndicate Bank Branch in Varanasi at Gadolia

4984. SHRI SARAT KUMAR DEB : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Syndicate Bank Zonal Office, Lucknow was authorised by the Reserve Bank of India to open a branch in Varanasi at Gadolia ;

(b) whether the Zonal Office has opened a new branch at Gadolia, (Varanasi, U.P.) ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Zonal Office has opened a branch outside the area sanctioned by the Reserve Bank of India ; and

(e) if so, the location thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (e) Syndicate Bank has reported that it had applied to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for opening a new branch at Varanasi Chowk on 29.4.1983 and RBI authorised the bank for the same. The bank has reported that it opened a branch in Godowlia locality which is certified by Nagar Mahapalika Varanasi as falling within Varanasi Chowk area.

Replacement of Spindles and Looms to Encourage Modernisation of Textile Industry

4985. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed replacement of spindles and looms to encourage modernisation of textile industry ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it has helped in modernisation programmes of textile industries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modernisation in the spinning, weaving and processing sectors is undertaken on the basis of carefully identified needs of a unit. Actual results however flow only after implementation of complete modernisation package.

Visit of Australian Trade Delegation

4986. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that high level official delegation from Australia visited India to explore the areas of bilateral trade expansion ;