

(a) whether Government propose to develop Bittor or any other place in Kanpur as a tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism have sanctioned construction of wayside amenities at Fatehpur Roshnai and Maharajpur in Kanpur District.

Parity in Pay Scales In All Banks

1873. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is disparity in the pay scales of employees/ officers in different public sector banks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce parity in the pay scales of the employees/officers of all the banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). The pay scales of workmen employees in all the public sector banks are identical. In the case of officers in Scale V and above, however, there are slight differentials in the pay scales between State Bank of India vis-a-vis the other public sector banks due to historical reasons. The revised pay scales for such officers in the State Bank of India have not so far been approved.

Recovery of Agricultural Loans from Marginal Farmers

1874. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the nationalised banks/cooperative banks have started a large scale campaign to realise agricultural loans from marginal farmers;

(b) whether the campaign has been started as per the Government's directives; and

(c) if not, whether Government, under its declared policy, propose to issue directives to banks thereby saving marginal farmers from ruin?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). Banks are required to take normal steps to recover their loans, including agricultural loans after the amounts fall due. Recoveries are made in respect of all categories of farmers, irrespective of whether they are marginal farmers and big farmers. Since this is a normal banking activity, Government does not issue any directives in this regard.

Imports and Exports During December, January and February 1990

1875. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of total imports and exports (in crores of Rupees) in December, 1989 and January, February, 1990 main itemwise and country-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to reduce imports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The value of total imports and exports during December, 1989 and January, 1990 are as under: