

(b) The total number of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled

Tribes carried forward during the last three years category-wise is given as under:-

<i>Category of Post</i>	<i>Scheduled Castes</i>	<i>Scheduled Tribes</i>
B	7	3
C	37	35
D	23	28

[*Translation*]

Setting up of High Power Transmitter in Western Rajasthan

3010. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether any scheme is under Government's consideration for the introduction of powerful TV transmission from a new channel in western Rajasthan to counter foreign cultural onslaught in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): The VII Plan schemes of Doordarshan for strengthening TV service in border areas of the country include, *inter alia*, the establishment of high power TV transmitters, one each at Anupgarh, Barmer and Jaisalmer with 300M high TV towers at all these places, for providing coverage in the border areas of Rajasthan.

[*English*]

Study to Assess the Investment Requirements of Hotel Industry

3011. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made to

assess the investment requirements of the hotel industry; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). According to an assessment made by the Department of Tourism, the number of additional rooms required in the approved categories of hotels by the end of Eighth Plan period is about 30,000. The investment required for the construction of these rooms would be about Rs. 3,600 crores.

Imports and Exports to USSR

3012. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports of Indian goods to U.S.S.R. in 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(b) the value of good imported from USSR during that period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the Indian exports to the Soviet Union?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The value of exports from India to the USSR and the value of imports from the USSR into India during 1987-88 and

1988-89 is as given below:-

(In Rs. crores)

	1987-88 (Provisional)	1988-89 (Provisional)
Exports to the USSR	1970.86	2606.27
Imports from the USSR	2041.00	1964.75

Source: DGCIS, Calcutta Import figures adjusted to include crude supplies

(c) Over the years, the basket of goods exported has been expanded by enhancing the provisions for existing items and by adding new items. Visits of business delegations, participation in exhibitions, organisations of seminars and buyer-seller meets, etc, have been encouraged. Apart from conventional trade, new forms of economic cooperation have been encouraged. As imports generate rupee funds for exports arising from the balanced rupee trading system with the USSR, the imports from the USSR are also being encouraged.

Installation of Computers in Banks

3013. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computers installed in the nationalised banks and the State Bank of India since June, 1987;

(b) the number of employees who lost their jobs due to installation of computers; and

(c) the number of new employees recruited in the nationalised banks and in the State Bank of India since June, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as on 28th February, 1990 the nationalised banks, including State Bank of India had installed the following machines/ computers etc. at their Branches, Zonal Regional Offices and Central Offices:

	<i>Types of machines installed</i>	<i>Number Installed</i>
i)	Advanced Ledger Posting Machines	4908
ii)	Mini computers at Zonal/Regional Offices	248
iii)	Mainframe Computers at Central Offices	2

In addition, some banks have installed computers and other machines for specialised jobs

(b) As per agreement entered into between the Indian banks Association (IBA) and the Workers' Unions on computerisation, there has been no retrenchment of staff on account of introduction of computers in banks

(c) The information is not readily available. However, the total staff strength of the 28 public sector banks which was 825040 as on 31st December, 1987, had risen to 835087 as on 31.3.89