

international market as also to work as an incentive to export more teas.

- (d) Measures, both short and long term, have been adopted to increase production of tea so as to make more tea available for export after satisfying domestic consumption.

(Translation)

Opening of Bank Branches in Backward Rural Areas of Bihar

4131. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nationalised banks operating in Sitamarhi District of Bihar and the locations thereof?

(b) whether the Government propose to open new branches of the nationalised banks in the backward rural areas of Bihar;

(c) if so, the locations thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As on 30-6-1991, 57 branches of Public Sector Banks were functioning in Sitamarhi District of Bihar. Bank-wise location of these branches are given in the attached statement.

(b) to (d) Under the extant branch licensing policy (1990—95), opening of branches of nationalised banks is a continuous process, which is governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of nationalised banks that will be opened in backward rural areas of

Bihar.

STATEMENT

Name of Bank	Name of Centre
State Bank of India	Bairagnia
	Belsand
	Chakautai
	Dashta
	Harari Dularpur
	Jagdhar
	Madhuban Basaha
	Mehsole
	Paribar
	Pupari (Janakpur Road)
	Sitamarhi
	Sitamarhi
	Sitamarhi
Allahabad Bank	Akhta
	Bangaon
	Bathnaha
	Mahindwara
	Matiyarkalan
	Pachtaki Jadu
	Sitamarhi
	Sonbarsa
Bank of Baroda	Adauri
	Amwakalan
	Harpurwa
	Hinrolwabishunpur
	Mahesia
	Majholia
	Patahi
	Sitamarhi
Bank of India	Bhasar Machhaha
	Bhitha-Dharampur
	Hirauta Duma
	Kataiya
	Pariwaha
	Sahsaram
	Sitamarhi

Name of Bank	Name of Centre
Central Bank of India	Anhari
	Belahi-Neelkanth
	Dhanari
	Dumra
	Gisara
	Gobind Pitaughia
	Madhopur Chatuci
	Mahsaui
	Mohini Manda
	Righa
	Runisaidpur
Sheohar	
Sitamarih	
Sursand	
Indian Bank	Narwara
Punjab National Bank	Banaul
	Dumri Kalan
Syndicate Bank	Gaura
	Pandaui
	Kachaur
	Kamal Dah

[English]

Export of Cotton

4132. DR. D. VENKATESHWARA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the target fixed for export of cotton during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): No target has been fixed as yet for export of cotton during 1991-92 cotton season.

[Translation]

Projects from Gujarat Pending Clearance

4133. SIIRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of Gujarat pending for clearance; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in each case, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The projects and schemes received from Government of Gujarat pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:—

- (i) 9 Schemes for conversion of State Roads into National Highways (list attached at the attached Statement-I. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.
- (ii) 167 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund (list attached at the attached Statement-II). These would be processed for approval after actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund, which has not yet taken place.
- (iii) 25 estimates for works on National Highways (list attached at the attached Statement-III) These would be taken up after Demand for Grant have been passed by