(a)the foreign exchange reserves during the last three months, monthwise; and
(b) the extent to which the foreign exchange reserves are likely to dwindle due to higher lending rate, expensive debt service, impact on the exchange rate of the partially
convertiable rupee and imports, separately?
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The foreign exchange reserves position during the last three months is as follows:

> Foreign Exchange Reserves
> (Excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights)

| End of Month | (Rs. Crores) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| April | 1992 | 14227 |
| May | 1992 | 14163 |
| Junie | 1992 | 16125 |

(b) The foreign exchange reserves have held upextremely well in the past few months, notwithstanding the factors mentioned by the Hon. Members. Government do not expect the reserves to decline significantly in the coming months.
[Translation]

## Mahila Banks in Maharahstra

1529. SHRIMATIKESHARBAISONAJ KSHIRSAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
(a) the number of applications received so far by the Reserve Bank of India for opening Mahila Banks in Maharashtra; and
(b) the number of licences likely to be given during 1992-93 in the above State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 22 applications for opening Mahila Banks in Maharashtra had been received by Reserve Bank of India since
1986. Out of these 9 were cleared for licensing.
(b) New Urban Banks including Mahila Banks are permitted to be established on the felt need for such banks as also the presence of potential business at the particular place. As such, the number of Urban Cooperative Banks including Mahila Banks to be opened during a particular period in any State cannot be decided in advance.

## Grants to States

1530. SHRIRAMTAHALCHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
(a) the revenue received by the Union Governemnt fromvarious States during 1991 . 92, State-wise;
(b) the amount of grants sought by each State during this period;
(c) the amount of grants sanctioned to each States;
