

Computers in Employment Exchanges, Delhi

4394. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Employment under Delhi Administration has decided to instal computers in Employment Exchanges;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) the time by which the computers are likely to be made available in the Employment Exchanges of Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the details furnished by Delhi Administration, computers have been installed in Employment Exchanges at Darya Ganj, R.K. Puram and Pusa (Technical) and a provision of Rs. 24 lakhs has been made to computerise other Employment Exchanges in Delhi during the Eighth Plan.

Branches of Banks in Karnataka

4395. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of public sector banks in the rural areas of Karnataka as on November 30, 1992;

(b) whether the Government propose to open come new branches in the rural areas of Karnataka in the near future;

(c) if so, the names of the places where these branches are likely to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As at the end of June, 1992 (latest available), 1230 branches of Public Sector Banks were functioning in rural areas of Karnataka.

(b) to (d). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the licensing authority for the opening of branches of commercial banks. No periodic targets for opening bank branches are fixed by RBI. However, 11 licences for opening branches in rural areas of Karnataka are pending utilisation with banks, as per details given below:-

<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>
Bellary	Anthapura
Bijapur	Sasanur
-do-	Mirjimallapur
-do-	Masbinal
Gulbarga	Edlur
-do-	Mangalgi
Kolar	K. Byapally
-do-	Mudimagodh
Raichur	Benakal
-do-	Anwari
-do-	Albanur

Modernisation of Passenger Jetty In Kerala

4396. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANHJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have

received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for modernisation of Passengers Jetty in West Coast canal of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Govt. of Kerala have sent a proposal for modernisation of 55 jetties for passenger ferry service in Kerala backwaters under Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 159.01 lakhs.

(c) The proposal is under consideration.

[Translation]

Family Pension Under EPF Scheme

4397. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the family pension under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The minimum rate of family pension under the Family Pension Scheme 1971 has since been increased from Rs. 225/- to Rs. 250/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.4.1992. The maximum amount of family pension can go upto Rs. 1050/- p.m. depending on the wages of the employees.

[English]

Development in Handloom Sector

4398. SHRI B. RAJARAVIVARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that rebate on sales and an over emphasis on mass items have not allowed the handloom sector to re-orient itself to new fashions and markets; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Rebate on sales of handloom goods is only one among the many Schemes meant for the development of handloom sector. For adaptation to new fashions and designs, government of India has on-going Schemes like National Design Collection and Training through Weavers Service Centres. While Government does not intend to increase the emphasis on rebates, certain marketing assistance would continue to be required in order to neutralise the cost disadvantage of handloom sector.

Recommendations of Advisory Committee on primary Market

4399. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the advisory committee on primary market has recommended changes in the right issues mechanism to protect the interests of shareholders in a company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The Advisory Committee on Primary Market has inter alia made the following suggestions:-