

SBI Branches Abroad

(c) the number of bank staff engaged in those branches?

7343. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the state Bank of India (SBI) functioning abroad as on March 31, 1993;

(b) the locations and response to those branches in those countries; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED: (a) State Bank of India have reported that as on 31st March, 1993 the bank had 25 branches outside India.

(b): The location of the branches is as under:-

<i>Country</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of branches</i>
U.K.	London Southhall Westend Golders Green Birmingham	5
Cayman Islands	Grand cayman off shore Branch	1
France	Paris	1
USA	Chicago Los Angeles (Agency) Downtown Service New York Flushing	5
Hongkong	Hongkong	1
Sri Lanka	Colombo FCBU Colombo	2
Japure	Tokyo Osaka	2
Bahamas	Nassau	1
Bahrain	Bahrain OBU	1
Bangladesh	Dhaka	1
Belgium	Antwerp	1

<i>Country</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of branches</i>
Germany	Frankfurt	1
Panama	Panama	1
Maldives	Male	1
Singapore	Singapore	1
		25 Offices

The state Bank of India branches in these countries are engaged in financing India-related trade, ethnic Indians and raising foreign currency resources for Indian companies

(c): The number of bank staff employed in these branches is 904.

Involvement of Customs Officials In Smuggling

7344. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received reports of active involvement of customs officers in a number of smuggling cases in the Western Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of such cases are pending; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for speedy disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARAMURTHY): (a) to (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on

the Table of the House.

Grants/Loans from Member Countries of European Economic Community for Poverty Alleviation Projects

7345: DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI BOLLABULLI RAMAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the member countries of European Economic Community have agreed to provide grant/loans for various projects in the country for alleviation of poverty;

(b) if so, the details of projects in regard to which agreements have signed during 1992-93;

(c) the locations of these projects; and

(d) the amount of grants/loans received so far in respect of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Information is as follows: