

- (iv) Promoting identified products like mangoes etc. which have good export potential by organising suitable promotional campaigns as well as participating in international fairs/exhibitions;
- (v) Simplification of quarantine procedures.

[English]

Regional Rural Banks

6620. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Rural Banks in the country, Statewise; and

(b) the details of Regional Rural Banks which have incurred loss/earned profit during 1993-94 and the amount of loss/profit thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) There are 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in the country State-wise number of RRBs is given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(b) the figures of losses incurred or profit earned during 1993-94 by RRBs are not yet available.

STATEMENT

State-wise number of Regional Rural Banks (Gramin banks) in the country as at the end of March, 1994

Name of the State	Number of regional Rural Banks
Haryana	4
Himachal Pradesh	2
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Punjab	5
Rajasthan	14
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	5
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	1
Mizoram	1

Name of the State	Number of regional Rural Banks
Nagaland	1
Tripura	1
Bihar	22
Orissa	9
West Bengal	9
Madhya Pradesh	24
Uttar Pradesh	40
Gujarat	9
Maharashtra	10
Andhra Pradesh	16
Karnataka	13
Tamil Nadu	3
Kerala	2
Total	196

LIC Investment

6621. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 75 per cent of Life Insurance Corporation investment is blocked in Government Securities at present;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any proposal from LIC regarding investment of its funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Life Insurance Corporation of India approached the Government with a request to reduce the directed investments in Socially Oriented Sector to enable them to earn higher yield on their funds by investment in market sector. The Government is yet to take a view on the above request of the LIC.