

<i>District</i>	<i>Centre</i>
Kamrup	(1) Guwahati Kalipur
Morigaon	(2) Bhutanath
Nagaur	Morigaon
Jorhat	Lumding
	Jorhat (Borpool)

Further, SBI has also been issued a licence to open an Industrial Finance Branch at Guwahati. The opening of branches at the allotted Centre is subject to availability of basis infrastructure facilities like availability of suitable premises, all weather roads, telecommunication etc.

Production of FCV Tobacco

3516.SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of flue-cured virgina tobacco produced during 1993-94, so far;

(b) the quantity of tobacco sold through auction centres as on June 27, 1993;

(c) the average price realised per kilogram of tobacco during the above period;

(d) the average price of flue-cured virgina tobacco realised during each of

the last two years;

(e) the reason for the fall in average price realisation; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to help the farmers to realise higher price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The quantity of FCV tobacco produced during 1993-94 is about 128 M.kgs.

(b) 101.18 K.G. of 1992 Andhra Pradesh crop was sold through auction platforms upto 27.6.1993.

(c) The average price realised was about Rs.22.18 per kg.

(d) The average price of FCV tobacco realised during the last two years was given below:-

<i>Crop</i>	<i>A.P</i>	<i>Karnataka</i>
1991	Rs.27.63 P/kg.	Rs.42.13 P/Kg.
1992	Rs.20.74 P/kg.	Rs.26.52 P/kg

(e) Reasons for fall in average price realisation are as follows:

- (1) Excess production by farmers created an imbalance in supply and demand situation which had an average impact on grower prices.
- (2) Production in other major tobacco producing countries like Zimbabwe, China, Brazil, etc. has gone up substantially resulting in over supply world over.
- (3) Due to huge inventories with cigarette manufacturers and general recessionary conditions the overseas European customers did not place sufficient orders with the Indian exporters resulting in lack of buying fervour on the auction platform.
- (4) Uncertainties regarding Russian markets dampened buying fervour.

(f) The steps taken by the Government include the following:

- (1) Several meetings were held in the Tobacco Board and the Ministry of Commerce with the manufacturers, exporters, and I.T.A urging them to participate actively in the auctions and to pay better prices to farmers.
- (2) A trade delegation led by Chairman, Tobacco Board visited Russia to explore the possibilities of expediting export orders.
- (3) Government extended an ad-hoc advance of Rs.100 crores against debt repayment programme to the

Government of Russia exclusively for purchase of tobacco from India during 1993 season.

Development of Civil Aviation in Maharashtra

3517. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for development and construction of infrastructure for civil aviation in Maharashtra during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount earmarked therefor: and

(c) the break-up thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):(a) and (b). The National Airports Authority has allocated Rs.128.32 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan for upgradation and modernisation of airports in Maharashtra.

(c) The year-wise allocations are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>(Rs. in crores) Allocations</i>
1992-93	16.17
1993-94	51.14
1994-95	26.97
1995-96	18.11
1996-97	15.93