

from 14 percent to 15 percent with effect from 1st December, 1995 as recommended by the RBI.

(d) and (e) The rate of growth of bank deposits varies from year to year and depends on several factors like rate of growth of the economy, the growth of reserve money, the inflation rate, the rate of interest on deposits and the relative attractiveness of other instruments of savings. The interest rate differentials between bank deposits and company deposits have all along been maintained.

#### Jute Handicrafts

4110. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jute handicrafts have registered a robust growth in the current year;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to develop the processing facilities in jute sector keeping in view the new - found demand for jute fibre and the projected market in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Jute handicrafts have registered a robust growth in the current year as is evident from the trend available in exports. The value of exports of jute handicrafts is likely to increase substantially during the year 1995-96 as compared to the previous year.

(c) The step the Government propose to take to develop the processing facilities in the jute handicrafts sector consist of setting up of craft development centres in various jute craft concentration areas spread all over the country where the craftsmen will get the necessary processing facilities and training.

#### Autonomy to Nationalised Banks

4111. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY :

SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :

SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give greater autonomy to the nationalised banks ;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been constituted to examine the issue; and

(c) if so, the composition and terms of reference thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL) : (a) The nationalised banks already have autonomy in all operational matters.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Updation of Airfields

4112. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :

SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether on refusal by the State Governments to bear the expenditure to update airfield, the Union Government propose to bear the same; and

(b) if so, the airfields to be undertaken for the purpose during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Upgradation of facilities at airfields which are under the control of the State Government is considered keeping in view the traffic potential and willingness of the scheduled/unscheduled operators to operate their services. No airfield of any State Government has been identified for upgradation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

#### Subsidy to Hotels in Madhya Pradesh

4113. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are providing subsidy to set up hotels in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the subsidy already given to Madhya Pradesh for this purpose during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Department of Tourism grants approval at the project planning stage and extends an interest subsidy to these approved hotel projects upto 3 star category in respect of the loans availed of from IFCI, TFCI & SFC's @ 3% all over India, except in the four metropolitan cities, and @ 5% to the hotel projects upto 3 star category located in special areas and specified Destinations notified by the Central Government and Heritage hotel projects.

(b) 4 Hotel Projects in Madhya Pradesh have been given interest subsidy @ 3% amounting to Rs.11.97 lakhs through IFCI, TFCI and Madhya Pradesh Financial Corporation as under :

1992-93	Rs. 4.07 lakhs
1993-94	Rs. 3.51 lakhs
1994-95	Rs. 4.39 lakhs

#### Identification of Tourist Places in NE

4114. SHRI PROBEN DEKA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the places of tourist's interest identified