

Off-line stations maintained by Air India in East Africa and Europe

1398. SHRI SUNIL MAITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of off-line stations maintained by the Air-India in the East Africa and Europe;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on establishment, transport, rent, entertainment and other heads of their maintenance during 1978-79 and 1979-80 (upto December, 1979);

(c) the total business secured by these stations during the above period;

(d) whether the maintenance of these stations is considered remunerative and essential; and

(e) the steps being taken to streamline the working and cut down expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) to (c). A statement showing the names of off-line stations of Air India in East Africa and Europe and the expenditure incurred at these stations under various heads as well as the revenue earned is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. I.T-619/80.*]

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The performance of off-line offices is constantly being monitored with a view to cut down expenditure.

Banking facilities in District of Malappuram, Kerala

1399. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Panchayat areas in the District of Malappuram, Kerala

State, have practically, no banking facilities;

(b) names of such Panchayat areas;

(c) whether Government propose to examine the growing need for banking facilities in these areas especially in view of the fact that there are increasing foreign remittances as also great potentialities of development; and

(d) if so, the steps Government intends to take or have already taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA):

(a) and (b). Information regarding availability of banking facilities is being maintained by the Reserve Bank district-wise. Information regarding unbanked Panchayat Areas in Malappuram District of Kerala is, therefore, not available.

(c) and (d). The current branch licencing policy of the RBI seeks to secure, in consultation with the State Governments, the branch expansion efforts of the commercial banks for the period 1979-81 towards providing banking facilities at unbanked rural and semi-urban centres in deficit districts having poorer banking coverage than one bank office for every 20,000 rural/semi-urban people. The banking coverage in Malappuram District with 66 rural and 53 semi-urban branches of commercial banks, worked out to one branch for every 16,000 rural/semi-urban people as at the end of December 1979. It is not, therefore, a deficit district. However, on the recommendations of the State Government, the Reserve Bank have made allotments/issued licences for branch opening at Changuvetty, Bethathuputhiy, Angadi, Valiathur, Valikkunnu, Edarikode, Pallikkal, Urgam, Manimooli, Panakkad and Makktaparamba centres in this District.