

last Friday of January 1988 were Rs. 665.37 crores.

(c) The bank would be expanding loan facilities depending upon the availability of lendable resources and economically viable projects.

[English]

#### **Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme**

7121. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to bring labour disengagement in textile industry, Government propose to implement Textile Workers' Rehabilitation fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b). The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has come into effect to provide interim relief to workers rendered unemployed due to permanent closure of textile mills. Relief under the scheme is available to the affected workers for three years on a tapering basis.

#### **Exporters problems with Foreign Banks**

7122. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of Indian exporters with foreign banks;

(b) whether the foreign banks are

making inordinate delay in making the payments for their exports;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take up the matter with the foreign banks; and

(d) the other steps proposed to be taken to help Indian exporters in getting their payment in time?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). No such complaint has been received recently by the Reserve Bank of India.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### **Opening of Branches of Canara Bank in Orissa**

7123. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Canara Bank functioning in Orissa;

(b) the location of these branches;

(c) whether Canara Bank proposes to set up some new branches in Orissa during 1988-89;

(d) if so, the places identified in the State Bank for location of these new branches; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of September, 1987, 27 branches of Canara Bank were functioning in Orissa as per details given below:—