

- (6) Government is monitoring execution and expeditious completion of major project on a continuous basis.

(c) Measured in terms of value of production, all the enterprises in the manufacturing/production sector except Bharat Dynamics Ltd. have increased their production during the Sixth Plan period so far, compared to the year preceding the Sixth Plan, namely, 1979-80.

(d) In the four years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 of the Sixth Plan, the Central public enterprises taken as a whole made a loss only in 1980-81, amounting to Rs. 202.97 crores. The years 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 ended with overall net profits of Rs. 445.92 crores, Rs. 617.85 crores and Rs. 245.67 crores (Provisional) respectively. The Central Government investment in these enterprises are as follows :

	(Amount Rs. in crores)
As on 31.3.1980 (before the commencement of Sixth Plan)	13955
As on 31.3.1981	15954
As on 31.3.1982	19393
As on 31.3.1983	23281
As on 31.3.1984	26754

#### Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Himachal Pradesh

2. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government and Reserve Bank of India have accepted any liberal approach for the opening of branches of nationalised banks in hilly States/regions of the country, as defined by the Planning Commission, ensuring adequate relaxation

in the criteria of distance and population, which are not reliable indicators for such areas as compared to the normal plain areas ;

(b) if so, the nature of relaxation allowed in respect of hill areas ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether such relaxation is proposed to be incorporated in the branch licencing policy of the Reserve Bank of India during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) : Under the current branch licensing policy for the period April, 1982 to March, 1985, hilly regions, regions which are sparsely populated and tribal areas are given special consideration and branch expansion in such areas is allowed on a comparatively liberal basis, taking into account the existing gaps in the availability of banking facilities, the need for meeting the banking requirements of identified target groups, growth in economic activities etc. The State Governments have been advised of this approach: The branch expansion policy for the period 1985-90, which would be coterminus with the period of Seventh Five Year Plan, is yet to be finalised.

#### Survey for Opening of Bank Branches in Himachal Pradesh

3. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Himachal Pradesh district-wise for which (i) the State Bank of India (ii) the Punjab National Bank, (iii) the United Commercial Bank, and (iv) the Central Bank of India have made any survey for opening new branches of their banks in 1983-84 and 1984-85 :

(b) the names of such places among them where the Reserve Bank of India has given the required licences and where branches (i) have been opened (ii) are yet to be opened ;