

Opening of Regional Rural Bank in Pithoragarh (U.P.)

13. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a regional rural bank in Pithoragarh (Uttar Pradesh) ; and

(b) if so, the time by which it would start functioning and the places where its branches would be opened under its jurisdiction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Detailed proposals from the State Bank of India, which has been asked to sponsor the regional rural bank are awaited. The Bank has been asked to expedite them. The branch expansion programme for the regional rural bank can be drawn up only after it is established.

Setting up of Planning Commissions in States

14. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commissions have been set up in all the States on the pattern of the Planning Commission at the Centre;

(b) if so, the names of those States; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to advise the States to set up such Planning Commissions and to prepare/determine and make appraisals of their respective annual plans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) . In response to the suggestion made by the Planning Commission to the States as

early as in 1971 to set up State Planning Boards, all State Governments excepting Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim, have set up planning bodies known variously as State Planning Commission, State Planning Board or State Development Board. Sikkim Government has indicated its inability to set up such a Planning Board at present. The Jammu & Kashmir Government has, however, agreed to set up an apex planning body called the State Policy and Planning Council.

Targets Fixed for I.R.D.P. and Self Employment Guarantee Scheme of Nationalised Banks

15. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether, under the programmes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme and Self Employment Guarantee Scheme for educated persons launched by Government for poor people and unemployed educated persons, separate targets have been fixed for various nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for and the targets achieved by each of them during the last two years; and

(c) the action being taken against the managements of the banks which failed to achieve the targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Annual action plans prepared for each district indicate bankwise and sectorwise credit programme in respect of major schemes including schemes like I.R.D.P. and self-employment scheme. At the national level the targets are given for the banking industry as a whole and in some cases there is statewise distribution of physical and financial targets.

The overall target of lending under I.R.D.P. during Sixth Plan was Rs. 3,000