

these allotted centres, banks have opened branches at 253 centres. RBI has advised the banks to open the branches at the remaining centres expeditiously by the end of June, 1989 except in rare cases where minimum infrastructural facilities are not available.

Group Insurance Scheme for Factory Workers, Agricultural Labourers and Farmers

8250. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made to cover the factory workers, the agricultural labourers and the farmers in Maharashtra under the

group insurance scheme during the last three years;

(b) the financial help extended under these schemes during the above period; and

(c) the targets, if any, set for 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The progress made by the Life Insurance Corporation of India to cover factory workers, agricultural labourers and farmers in the state of Maharashtra under its Group Insurance Schemes may be persued from the following figures of new schemes introduced during the last 3 years:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of new Schemes introduced</i>	<i>No. of lives covered</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1986-87	517	1,33,985
1987-88	777	1,24,282
1988-89	1054	1,74,022

Apart from this, an estimated 2.26 lakhs of beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) have also been covered under the group insurance scheme introduced during the year 1988-89

by the LIC.

(b) The number and amount of death claims paid during the last 3 years under these schemes in the State of Maharashtra are given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of claims paid paid (Rs.)</i>	<i>Amount of claims</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1986-87	2456	3,67,02,693
1987-88	2469	3,96,27,471
1988-89 (upto Dec., 1988)	1643	3,16,72,423

(c) Tentatively, there will be 1500 new schemes covering about 2 lakhs new lives during the year 1989-90 in the State of Maharashtra.

International Coffee Agreement

8251. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has urged the International Coffee Organisation to extend the existing International Coffee Agreement concluded in 1983 and also negotiate a new one for six years;

(b) if so, whether any agreement reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) to (c). Presently deliberations are going on in the International Coffee Organisation for the extension/re-negotiation of the International Coffee Agreement, 1983. India is also participating in these discussions.

Action Plan by STC

8252. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESH-WARI:
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation (STC) has drawn up a three-year action plan for 1989-90 to 1991-92;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan;

(b) the amount involved therein; and

(d) the extent to which the trade will improve thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) to (d). The State Trading Corporation is in the process of preparing a detailed Three Year's Plan to achieve an export turnover of about Rs. 1500 crores by 1991-92.

[*Translation*]

Decrease in capacity of storing water due to Silt

8253. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of storing water in reservoirs of certain major irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh is decreasing rapidly;

(b) if so, the names of such reservoirs;

(c) whether any comprehensive plan has been prepared to desilt these reservoirs;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether any scheme is being prepared to control the silt formation at the catchment area itself; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (b). Silting of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon. Storage capacity of all the reservoirs is reduced by the passage of time. As per the latest hydrographic survey data conducted in respect of various reservoirs in Uttar Pradesh, it was observed that percentage loss of capacity is not alarming.