- (c) Filing up of the vacancies through direct recruitment, promotion and transfer is in process.
- (d) No, sir. However, organised labour have raised only the issue of seniority.

## **Development and Computerised** Reservation at Tirupati Railway Station

8336. SHRI SRIHARI RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of funds allocated for the development of Tirupati railway station in Andhra Pradesh during the past three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Funds allocated during the past three years for the development of Tirupati railway station are as under:-

1986-87 Nil 1987-88 9.52 lakhs

1988-89

## Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Andhra Pradesh

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19:84 lakhs

8337. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a scheme under the consideration of Government to open branches of the nationalised banks in backward and tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the names of the locations where these branches are proposed to be opened; and
- (c) the time by which these branches will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINIS TRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90 the population norms which is 17,000 average population per bank office in the rural and semi urban areas of each development block has been relaxed to 10,000 in respect of development blocks falling in hilly terrain, sparsely populated regions and tribal areas. These norms are applicable to the entire country including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The centres allotted by RBI to banks for opening branches in Andhra Pradesh are set out below:-

Bhimpur

Name of District Name of centre Adilabad Thamsi (Mandal Hgrs)