

At present exports expected are to the EEC countries against its preferential quota for India of 10,000 MT and to USA against its preferential quota for India of 8424 MT. The foreign Exchange earnings against these are likely to amount to Rs 14.3. crores.

Land Acquisition for on Going Railway Projects

5307. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways encounter any difficulty in the acquisitions of land for the on-going projects (new railway lines) under construction;

(b) if so, the details of such on-going projects/ zone-wise, where the acquisition of land has been quite slow during the Seventh Plan, zone-wise resulting in delay in the construction of these projects alongwith the names of the States concerned; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the projects are not delayed and the land acquired will in advance for the speedy construction of these projects including the setting up of Land Acquisition Cells within railway construction units, as the Land Acquisition Act envisages such a step for Union Government for acquiring land on its own, in cases the State Governments fail to provide the land through its own set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Opening of Bank Branches In Himachal Pradesh

5308. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab National Bank, lead bank for Hamirpur, Kangra and Una districts, and UCO Bank for Bilaspur district in Himachal Pradesh have surveyed and identified centres for opening of branches of their own and other nationalised banks under Branch Licensing Policy and service Area Approach during 1988-89;

(b) if so, names of the centres so identified in each of above districts, separately

(c) names of such centres among them for which licences have been issued alongwith names of nationalised banks to which these have been allotted and likely dates by which other centres would be issued licenses;

(d) whether any centers have been rejected; if so, reasons therefor case-wise and whether Government propose to reconsider these centres in view of their difficult geographical terrain including spares population and natural barriers, even though distance may be short; and

(e) likely date by which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e). Under Branch Licensing Policy for the Seventh Plan Period the centres for opening new bank offices are identified by the bank having lead responsibility for the district. The list of centres as approved by the District Consultative Committee is then sent to the State Government for being forwarded to Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The RBI has reported that no proposal for opening new bank branches in Himachal Pradesh was received by them from UCO Bank. However, Punjab National Bank has proposed following centres for opening branches in Hamirpur, Kangra and Una districts of Hima-

chal Pradesh during the current Branch Licensing Policy period;

<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>
Hamirpur	Nalti
Kangra	Kothog
	Bankhandi
	Nurpur
	Sansarpur Terrace
	Chamunda
	Parour
	Mahakal
	Ghallaur

<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>
Una	Nangran
	Teuri
	Nangal Kalan
	Manwari
	Lahrli
	Behdul

The RBI has reported that out of the Centres mentioned above, licences for opening new bank offices have been issued for following centres. The names of the banks have been indicated against the each centre:-

<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>	<i>Name of Bank</i>
Hamirpur	Nalti	Punjab National Bank
Kangra	Bankhandi	Punjab National Bank
	Sansarpur Terrace	Punjab National Bank
	Ghallaur	Punjab National Bank
	Mahakal	Punjab National Bank
	Chamunda	Central Bank of India
Una	Behdal	Punjab National Bank

The RBI has reported that Kathog and Nangal Kalan were not identified by the lead bank group/State Government and the Centre Nurpur is being served by a branch of State Bank of Patiala. The centres namely

Parour, Nangran, Teuri, Manwari and Lahrli were not found fit, as per the stipulations laid down in the branch expansion policy, for having a new bank branch.