

<i>Name of Railway</i>	<i>Year to which Operating ratio pertains</i>		
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4
Eastern Railway	101.1%	105.8%	110.3%
Northern Railway	86.6%	83.7%	82.5%
North Eastern Railway	166.9%	170.5%	168.0%
Northeast Frontier Rly	195.8%	187.8%	196.1%
Southern Railway	119.6%	127.2%	129.5%
South Central Railway	82.1%	89.5%	91.3%
South Eastern Railway	72.9%	74.8%	74.0%
Western Railway	79.6%	80.9%	79.1%

Resolution Passed at Central Council Meeting of Associate Banks Officers Association at Trivandrum

5310. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unanimous resolution passed in the Central Council Meeting of the Associate Banks Officers Association held at Trivandrum on 23 and 24 October, 1988 demanding over-due restructuring of Associate Banks of the State Bank of India including their delinking and ending the subsidiary status of the seven small banks and for constituting these banks as Government owned banks on the same basis as the twenty nationalised banks;

(b) if so, whether Government have also

taken note of the publication entitled corporate slavery 'The Tragic and Untold Story of the 7 Associate Banks of the SBI' published by the Association; and

(c) if so, the response of Union Government and the Reserve Bank of India to the resolution and the publication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Government and Reserve Bank of India do not find any distinct advantage in delinking of the associates of State Bank of India from State Bank of India at this stage. The associate Banks of State Bank of India derive several advantages by functioning as members of State Bank of India Group.