

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 10. | Mahakal | Kangra | - do - |
| 11. | Garh Jamlula | - do - | - do - |
| 12. | Balakrupi | - do - | - do - |
| 13. | Samloti | - do - | - do - |
| 14. | Kandbari | - do - | - do - |
| 15. | Nalian | - do - | - do - |
| 16. | Dharcchandna | Shimal | UCO Bank |
| 17. | Tikkar | - do - | - do - |
| 18. | Shillaroo | - do - | - do - |
| 19. | Dargi | - do - | - do - |
| 20. | Panesh | - do - | Punjab National Bank |
| 21. | Khatnol | - do - | UCO Bank |
| 22. | Basantpur | - do - | Punjab National Bank |
| 23. | Chailly | - do - | - do - |

Opening of Bank Branches in Himachal Pradesh

3229 PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India, the UCO Bank and the Punjab National Bank have surveyed/identified any new centres for the opening of their branches in Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Kangra, Mandi, Kulu and Kinnaur districts of Himachal Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the names thereof, bank-wise and district-wise and the likely date by which

the licences would be issued to them by them Reserve Bank of India and the branches opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, UCO Bank has not submitted any proposal for opening branches in Himachal Pradesh. However, State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have submitted proposals for opening their branches in Himachal Pradesh as per details given below:—

| <i>Name of Bank</i> | <i>Name of centre</i> | <i>Name of District</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| S.B.I. | Ghumarwin | Bilaspur |
| | Pongdam | Kangra |
| | Neychowk | Mandi |
| | Larji | Kulu |
| P.N.B. | Nalti | Hamirpur |
| | Katheg | Kangra |
| | Bankhandi | - do - |
| | Nurpur | - do - |
| | Sansarpur Terrace | - do - |
| | Chamunda | - do - |
| | Parour | - do - |
| | Mohakal | - do - |
| | Ghallour | - do - |
| | Sandhol | Mandi |
| | Shamshi | Kulu |
| | Bajaura | - do - |
| | Nangran | Una |
| | Teuri | - do - |
| Nangal Kalan | - do - | |
| Marwari | - do - | |
| Lahralli | - do - | |
| Behdal | - do - | |

RBI has further reported that the allotment of centres to banks is generally made on the basis of lists of identified centres received from the State Governments as per the norms laid down in the Policy and not on the basis of proposals submitted by individual banks. The centres submitted by SBI were not considered for allotment as they

were either not identified or though identified did not conform to the Policy norms. PNB was allotted some of the above centres as they were included in the list of identified centres and were conforming to the norms. District-wise names of these centres and date of opening the branches are indicated below:—

| <i>Name of centre</i> | <i>Name of District</i> | <i>Date of opening the branch</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Nalti | Hamirpur | 28.11.1987 |
| Bankhandi | Kangra | 28.3.1987 |
| Sansarpur Terrace | Kangra | 30.10.1987 |
| Ghallour | Kangra | 24.12.1987 |
| Sandhol | Mandi | 11.12.1987 |
| Behdal | Una | 12.9.1988 |

Restoration of Shimla Mail

3230. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Railways for the restoration of Shimla Mail, which used to provide a link between Kalka and Amritsar/Patthankot; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which the train would be restored keeping in view the hardships caused to the people of Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab and J & K travelling from the extreme districts of one of State to another?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHARIP PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir

(b) Presently not feasible.

Opening of Extension Counter of SBI on the Campus of Regional Engineering College, Hamirpur In Himachal Pradesh

3231. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has allotted a licence for opening an Extension Counter of the State Bank of India on the Campus of the Regional Engineering College Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the date on which the licence has been allotted and the likely date by which the Extension Counter would be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the