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Delinking Associated Banks of State Bank of India

4162. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India has become rather unwieldy;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to delink the associated banks to form a separate corporate entity; and

(c) if so, whether it will give a boost to the development of associated banks as well as the areas of their operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The organisational structure of State Bank of India has been developed keeping in view its size and operations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Opening of Bank Branches in Himachal Pradesh

4163. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PAR-ASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on 25 February, 1987 to Unstarred Question No. 250 regarding licences for opening of bank branches in Himachal Pradesh and State;

(a) the names of such centres among them, where the branches have since been opened alongwith the names of the banks concerned and the dates of opening of the branches:

(b) the reasons for delay in opening the branches at the remaining centres and whether it would be ensured that the branches would be opened before any fresh identification is initiated; and.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). As per the information available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) district-wise names of centres where branches have been opened alongwith names of banks and date of opening the branches are set out in the statement below. RBI had earlier advised the banks to open branches in a phased manner during the remaining period of branch expansion of policy. However, in the context of Service Area Approach to rural lending RBI has advised the banks to open the branches at the allotted centres by the end of March. 1989, except in rare cases where minimum infrastructure facilities are not available.

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Districtwise names of centres where branches have been opened alongwith name of bank and date of opening the branch

Name of District/ Name of centre	Date of opening the branch	Name of Bank
1	2	3
BILASPUR DISTRICT		
Behal	29.6.88	UCO Bank
Chhakoh	29.12.87	Punjab National Bank

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1	2	3
Dagrahn (Jaket Khana)	12.12.87	State Bank of Patiala
Datthula (Mehri Kallhala)	7.8.87	Punjab National Bank
Ghandi	29.9.88	UCO Bank
Auhar	2.4.88	State Bank of India
CHAMBA DISTRICT		
Male	14.12.87	Parvatiya Gramin Bank
Saikolh i (Saikothi)	8.12.87	ų
Gorala	7.9.87	u
Labal	7.9.87	и
Dieur	10.12.87	-
Jadera	2.7.87	и
Chaned	21.5.87	u na series de la constante de
Dharbala	24.7.87	4
Durghatti	2.5.87	"
Sach	15.12.87	u
Hatli	20.11.87	
Hobar	19.11.87	u
Baghdhar	22.6 87	и
Talka	5.5.87	"
Sahoo	30.12.86	"
Rajnagar	30.12.87	и
Mangla	30.12.87	u
Khairi	10.12 87	State Bank of India

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1	2	3
HAMIRPUR DISTT.		
Tal	7.8.87	Punjab National Bank
Chakmoh	5.12.87	State Bank of India
Dhangota	18.12.87	UCO Bank
KANGRA DISTRICT		
Sansarpur	30.12.87	Punjab National Bank
Majhin	28.5.87	Himachal Gramin Bank
Srimolog	13 .8.87	Himachal Gramin Bank
Bankhandi	28.3.87	Punjab National Bank
Sunhi	26.3.87	u
Darini	28.4.87	u
Rajhoon	5.8.87	u
Chamund	20.6.87	Central Bank of India
Bharoli	8.5.87	Himachal Gramin Bank
KINNARU DISTRICT		
Karcham	9.4.87	Punjab National Bank
KULU DISTRICT		
Sarsari	16.7.87	Himachal Gramin Bank
Dohranal	12.10.87	u
Luhri	12.11.88	
Kalath	30.12.87	UCO Bank
MANDI DISTRICT		
Jamni	18.7.87	Himachal Gramin Bank

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1	2	3
Dalwan	25.5.87	•
Leda	17.7.87	-
Karhok	14.8.87	4
Ghatarani	19.9.88	State Bank of India
Majhwar	20.5.87	Punjab National Bank
Jarol	25.6.87	4
SHIMLA DISTRICT		
Koti	29.8 88	Punjab National Bank
Balg	23.12.88	-
Mauhri	26.12.87	
Madhauni	23.12.87	•
Banoti	17.12.87	"
Nirth	22.12.87	"
Kutara	9.10.87	State Bank of India
Pujarli	28.12.87	State Bank of Patiala
Dayori Khanati	30.12.88	State Bank of Patiala
SIRMUR DISTRICT		
Kehri	29.2.88	State Bank of India
Didagkhanotyon	30.9.88	State Bank of India
Bhagani	1.12.87	State Bank of Patiala
Parara	20.12.88	Punjab National Bank
Benathi	21.11.88	Punjab National Bank

1	2	. 3
SOLAN DISTRICT		
Nund	24.12.87	Punjab National Bank
Dabhots	24.3.87	Punjab National Bank
Kotbeja	6.11.88	Punjab National Bank.

Dividend Remittance by Hindustan Lever Limited

4164. SHRI VUOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the dividend remittance in foreign currency to Unilever PLC during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 by Hindustan Lever Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trade with Australia

4165. SHRI H.B.PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Australian expertise in mining can be critical in expanding deep mining in India and raising the field of coking coal mining as per study undertaken by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry titled "Export and Joint Venture with Australia;"

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details items, particularly engineering products, general industries machinery and equipment, being exported during the last three years and current financial year; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI PR. DASMUNSI): (a) and (b). The Piparwar integrated mine-cum-benefication project for annual production of 5.52 million tonnes of beneficated coal is proposed to be developed with turnkey implementation by M/s. White Industries Ltd., of Australia. Government of Australia has also offered to finance import costs by a soft credit at Zero percent interest to be repaid in 10 years after a grace period of 4 years.

(c) The major items of engineering products being exported from India to Australia are hand/machine tools, household equipment of base metal, general, industrial machinery and equipment (including pumps) commercial vehicles, auto parts, hard-ware, chains, cutting tools, compressors and parts, electric power machinery, diesel engines and parts, cranes and hoists, batteries, lamps, starters, transformers, coils and chokes etc.

(d) Exports of engineering goods to Australia from 1985-86 onwards are as follows:-