

provision of related construction equipment, vehicles, office buildings, workshops, warehouses and engineering and other services.

(b) The total cost/expenditure on the project is estimated at Rs.222.00 crores.

(c) The scheduled Project start-up and completion dates are 1.4.1985 and 30.6.1984 respectively.

[*Translation*]

Tea Plantation

3483. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme regarding tea-plantation in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and in the hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Agro-climatically suitable sites for growing tea could not be identified during the field investigation of some of the areas carried out by Tea Board in these States.

[*English*]

Opening of Bank Branches in Palghat District, Kerala

3484. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new branches of banks in Palghat district in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the names of places where the new branches are proposed to be 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 on the basis of list of identified centres received from the State Government under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90 and the Service Area Approach for opening bank branches in Palghat District of Kerala, the following nine eligible centres have been allotted to various banks:

<i>Name of Centre</i>	<i>Name of Block</i>
1. Nadupunni	Chittur
2. Mungilmada	— do —
3. Eruthiampathy	— do —
4. Polpully	Kollengode
5. Kairady	Nemmara
6. Mannur	Palghat
7. Muthuthala	Pattambi
8. Elambulassery	Sree Krishna Puram
9. Vavanur	Thrithala

The banks have opened branches at all the centres except at two centres namely, Nadupunni and Polpully. The allotted bank has sought the permission to surrender the licence for centre Nadupunni as this centre is said to be lacking basic infrastructural facilities and business potential.