

(b) Provisional data available in respect of the scheduled commercial banks show that as at the end of December 1976, their outstanding advances to the neglected sectors in these districts amounted to Rs. 1053.4 crores.

(c) and (d). Commercial banks have been endeavouring to enlarge their branch network in underbanked areas, including the backward and tribal districts. To accelerate the process the Reserve Bank have advised the banks that they would have to open four branches at unbanked rural centres to be entitled to open one branch at a metropolitan centre and one more at a banked centre. Government have also advised the banks to ensure that all Community Development Blocks as do not have banking facilities now are provided with at least one bank branch by June 1978. It is expected that these measures would help augment the availability of banking facilities in backward and tribal areas also.

(e) There were 39 branches of commercial banks in the Nilgiri District as on 31st March, 1977 as compared to 15 branches as on July 19, 1969. The average population per bank in the Nilgiri District as on December 31, 1976 was 13,000 only compared to the national average of 23,000.

#### Export of Sugar

4508. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:  
SHRI JENA BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of export of sugar, quantity-wise and value-wise, during 1976-77 and the comparative figures of the two previous years;

(b) what is the commission charged by State Trading Corporation on these exports and the total commission earned by it; and

(c) whether the entire amount of sales made by STC has been recovered and if not, what is the amount outstanding, since when and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) The quantity of sugar exported and the value thereof for the year; 1974-75 to 1976-77 were:—

Year	Quantity (lakh MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1974-75	6.24	314.34
1975-76 .	11.88	468.48
1976-77 .	5.86	154.37

(b) The STC is allowed 1/2 per cent service charge on the sales turn over by the Government. The exact amount of service charges received by STC during the year 1974-75 to 1976-77 were:—

Year	Amount of service charges received by STC (Rs. )
1974-75 . . .	1,57,17,087.95
1975-76	2,31,28,530.95
1976-77 .	76,97,009.34

(c) Payments against all the quantities of sugar sold and shipped have already been received by STC.

#### Additional Facilities for Attracting Tourists

4509. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:  
SHRI D. AMAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: