

(xiv) sale of imported rejlned rapeseed oil at a retail price of Rs. 7.50 a Kg., through the public distribution system throughout the country;

(xv) supply of imported oils to the vanaspati industry ranging between 75 per cent to 90 per cent of their requirements of oils;

(xvi) imposition of stock limits on traders in respect of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils.

(xvii) Increase in the support of price of wheat, paddy, gram, groundnut, sunflowerseed and raw cotton.

As a result of these measures the price situation has generally remained fairly easy in respect of several essential commodities since August, 1977. Whilst in the week ending March 26, 1977 the rate of inflation, on point to point comparison over the year, was 12 per cent, in the week ending February 11, 1978 there was a minus rate of inflation of 1.2 per cent. The wholesale price indices of several essential commodities like rice, jowar, onions, tea, coffee, groundnut oil, coconut oil, cottonseed oil, vanaspati, sugar khandsari and gur are significantly lower than that of last year.

#### Development of Ooty as Tourist Attraction

1531. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present position regarding development of Ooty the queen of hill stations as a magnet of tourist attraction;

(b) the number of Janata Hotels proposed to be constructed and the time-frame therefor, indicating *inter alia* the investment proposed; and

(c) the position regarding operation of feeder air services to enable tourists to reach Ooty quickly without the frustrating delay of rail travel?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) The Central Department of Tourism subsidised the opening of a Tourist Bureau and construction of a Tourist Bungalow in Ooty, Tamil Nadu, in the earlier Plans. The provision of additional facilities at Ooty will depend upon the resources made available for the Tourism Plan (1978-83) in the Central and the State Sectors.

(b) A provision of Rs. 10.72 crores has been made in the draft Tourism Plan for the construction of Janata hotels in the 4 metropolitan cities (Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta) and at other selected tourist centres in the Central Sector during the 1978-83 five year period.

(c) A proposal for the operation of feeder air services to connect important places of tourist and other interests not connected by the existing air services of Indian Airlines is under consideration.

#### राजकोट जिला सहकारी बँक लिमिटेड द्वारा जापन

1532. श्री धर्म सिंह भाई पटेल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात में राजकोट जिले में गोंडाल में नवम्बर, 1977 को हुए राजकोट डिस्ट्रिक्ट कोऑपरेटिव बँक लिमिटेड के हीरक जयन्ती और सहकारी सम्मेलन में उन्हें एक जापन दिया गया था और यदि हाँ तो उसमें की गई मांगों का स्वरूप क्या है ;

(ख) इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है और क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री एच० एम० पटेल):

(क) गोंडाल में 9-11-77 को