

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Schemes for Tourism sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh during 1977-78

6014 **SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU** Will the Minister of **TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state

(a) the number of schemes sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh during 1977 78 to develop tourism and

(b) the allotment made for them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTAM KAUSHIK) (a) and (b) During the financial year 1977-78 only one scheme was taken up in Andhra Pradesh relating to the purchase of two rotor launches for operation at Nagarnarasagar. The total cost of the Scheme was Rs 27.75 lakhs. The final amount of Rs 13.13 lakhs for this scheme was received in 1977-78.

Expansion of Banking Facilities in Backward and Adivasi Areas in Gujarat

6015 **SHRI AMARSINH V RATHAWA** Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state

(a) whether there is proposal for the expansion of banking facilities in backward and Adivasi areas in Gujarat,

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the names and number of banks to be opened in such parts of Gujarat upto March, 1979 and 1980?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H M PATEL) (a) to (c) For the Formulation of their branch expansion programmes for the year 1978 the Reserve Bank of India have advised the commercial banks to select unbanked rural centres in such dis-

tricts as have per bank office population in excess of the all-India average. It is expected that this approach will secure larger branch expansion in tribal and backward areas which are also comparatively underbanked.

In the State of Gujarat the Reserve Bank of India have classified six districts viz Amreli, Banaskantha, Dangs, Panchmahals, Sabarkantha and Surendranagar as deficit or underbanked districts for the purpose of branch expansion.

The branch expansion plans for the year 1978 have not yet been received by the Reserve Bank of India from all the banks. They have however, reported that as at the end of December 1977 the banks had on hand eleven licences comprising 6 for rural centres and 5 for semi-urban centres in four of the underbanked districts in Gujarat.

Assistance for development of Tourism in Maharashtra

6016 **SHRI VASANT SATHE** Will the Minister of **TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have submitted some proposals for development of tourism in the State for approval of the Central Government seeking financial assistance,

(b) if so furnish details of each of such proposals with financial indications and the decision taken thereon, and

(c) details of provision of funds made and schemes finalised/approved for development of tourism in Maharashtra and allocation made for 1978-79?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTAM KAUSHIK) (a) and (b) A 'perspective plan' for development of tourism has been received from the Government of Maharashtra. A total