

	<u>Base prices in Rs./ tonne F. O. R. works</u>
Wheels (all categories)	3602
Tyres (IRS : R-15)	
(i) B. G. Carriage and Wagon Tyre (W-492, W-501, Box Wagon Tyres)	3292
(ii) Carriage Wagon and Loco Tyres 864 mm dia & below	3482
(iii) Loco Tyre above 864 mm dia	3352
(iv) Diesel Electric Loco & EMU Tyres (B. G. M. G. N. G. Water quenched	3974
Axles (All categories)	4480
Sleepers Pressed	1682

Note :

1. All existing JPC Section/Size and Quality Extras and rebates in force will continue to apply
2. Extras and rebates presently applicable for Billets will apply to R. C. Squares also.

• ordeliveries of all items of steel from Producers' Stockyard Handling charges will be recovered at the rate of Rs. 35/-per tonne in addition to the prices above.

Contractor Workers engaged in HSCO, Burnpur and Kulti

3080. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the number of contractor workers regularised against permanent vacancies during the last three years in both the units of HISCO?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The management of the Indian Iron and Steel Company is discussing the details and modalities of the departmentalisation of contract workers with the five operating trade unions as per existing practice. They could not, unfortunately, departmentalise any such job during the last three years.

Money deposited in Uttar Pradesh

3081. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been deposited with the nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh for the last five years and how much money was advanced in that State;

(b) the details year-wise; and

(c) what was the percentage of advanced money received by marginal farmers, landless farmers and artisans with details separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). Available information is set out in Statement I

(c) Available data relating to the outstanding advances of public sector banks to small and marginal farmers and for allied activities in which majority of the landless labourers are engaged, in the State of Uttar Pradesh as at the end of September 1975 to September 1978 are set out in Statement II.

Available data regarding the outstanding advances of scheduled commercial banks to artisans and craftsmen in Uttar Pradesh shows that these have increased to Rs. 4.5 crores involving about 36,000 borrowal accounts as at the end of December 1977 from Rs. 1.4 crores involving about 12,000 accounts in December, 1975.

Statement

Deposits and Advances by public Sector Banks in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. crores)

As on the last Friday of December	DEPOSITS	ADVANCES
1975	1126.2	495.2
1976	1439.4	615.8
1977	1700.8	741.9
1978	2123.0	953.8
1979 (June)	2321.6	1102.9

Statement II

Advances to Small & Marginal Farmers & Allied Activities by public Sector Banks in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. crores)

As on the last Friday of September	Of the total Advances to Agriculture	
	Small & Marginal Farmers	Allied Activities
1975	6.6	2.0
1976	13.4	4.4
1977	24.1	7.3
1978	32.8	9.5
1979	N.A.	N.A.

Data are Provisional

Direct Flight from Varanasi to Bombay

3082. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the importance of Varanasi from the tourism point of view;

(b) what steps are being taken to develop Varanasi to attract more tourists; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a direct Indian Airlines flight from Varanasi to Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures are being taken to attract more tourists to Varanasi:—

(i) The India Tourism Development Corporation will be taking up the expansion of its existing hotel at Varanasi by adding 36 rooms at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.00 lakhs. A provision of Rs. 10.00 lakhs has been made in the Annual Plan 1980-81 of I.T.D.C. for this purpose.

(ii) A large number of travel agents, travel writers, photographers, television/film producers etc. who are invited as guests of the Department of Tourism, under its tourism promotion scheme, are taken to Varanasi on a familiarisation tour so that they in turn can promote and publicise Varanasi.

(iii) The following tourist publicity literature which will include Varanasi is scheduled for production during 1980-81:—

(i) Uttar Pradesh Brochure in English;

(ii) Delhi and the North Brochure—in German, Italian and Spanish;