

(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;

(iii) Varanasi—Bodh Gaya folder in English;

(iv) Buddhist Shrines folder in English and Sinhalese;

(v) India the right place—The tourist map of India—in English.

(c) No, Sir.

**Smuggling of Silver to Pakistan**

3083. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the smuggling of silver and silver coins to Pakistan is going on since long; and

(b) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) Government have no information whether smuggling of silver to Pakistan has been going on since long. However, the quantity and value of silver seized by the Customs authorities while being attempted to be smuggled to Pakistan across the land border is as follows:—

Year	Quantity of silver (inkgs.)	Value Rs. in lakhs
1977.	..	..
1978.	..	..
1979.	1009	20
1980.	745	22
(Upto May, 1980)		

(b) The Customs field formations, the Border Security Force and the State Police authorities along the Indo-Pakistan border have been alerted to maintain strict vigil against any attempts to smuggle silver to Pakistan across the land border.

The provisions of Chapter IVB of the Customs Act, 1962, containing regulatory provisions on the storage, transport and sale of silver were extended to 50 Kms. belt along the Indo-Pakistan border with effect from 27th Marh, 1980.

**Production of Poppy Husk in Mandsaur (M.P.)**

3084. SHRI B R. NAHATA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much poppy husk has been produced in Mandsaur District of Madhya Pradesh during the last four years i.e. from 1976 to 1980 and what use of this poppy husk has been made during this period;

(b) whether there was a proposal for starting an alkaloid factory using poppy husk as raw material in the area and whether it has been cancelled; and

(c) if so, whether Government are taking steps to start another factory in the area based on poppy husk either with local enterprises or foreign collaboration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The poppy husk produced in Mandsaur District of Madhya Pradesh during the last four years is estimated as under:

Crop Year	Estimated production of poppy husk (in tonnes)
1976-77	9,450
1977-78	10,607
1978-79	9,076
1979-80	5,01