

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Orissa

4730. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHARA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) which of the nationalised banks submitted proposals to open more new Branches in Orissa in the year 1979-80; and

(b) is it a fact that the Reserve Bank of India have refused to accord permission to open such new Branches?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). The branch licensing policy of the Reserve Bank for the period 1979-81 seeks to secure branch expansion efforts of the commercial banks towards opening of branches at unbanked rural/semi-urban centres in districts having poorer coverage than 1 branch for every 20,000 rural/semi-urban people. The programme is being evolved by the Reserve Bank in consultation with the State Governments concerned. Identified centres are allocated among such of the banks as have lead responsibility or sizeable network in these States.

The Reserve Bank of India has so far authorised the opening of 380 additional bank offices in Orissa on the recommendations of State Government and/or applications received from the banks. The bank-wise allocations are given below:

Name of the Bank	No. of centres allowed
1. State Bank of India	76
2. Allahabad Bank	1
3. Andhra Bank	13
4. Bank of India	42
5. Indian Overseas Bank	24

6. United Commercial Bank	59
7. United Bank of India	29
8. Bolangir Anchalik Gramya Bank	36
9. Balasore Gramya Bank	1
10. Cuttack Gramya Bank	60
11. Kalahandi Anchalik Gramya Bank	3
12. Koraput Panchabati Gramya Bank	12
13. Puri Gramya Bank	24
TOTAL	380

Printing of Currency Notes

4731. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and value of the currency notes printed in 1979;

(b) the number and value of the currency notes printed since January, 1980; and

(c) the value of the currency notes which are in circulation today?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). The number and value of currency notes printed during the year 1979 and January to June, 1980 are given below:—

Year	Number of Notes printed in Crore Pices	Value in Rupees Crores
1979	451	7190
1980 (January to June)	246	3174