

(b) Formal approval of the Government of India was not obtained by the State Govt. for construction of the line.

(c) An amount of Rs. 7.51 lakhs was spent on establishment from June 1964 to February, 1971.

(d) Soon after the Ratnagiri project was sanctioned in 1974, it was found that the project could not be taken up for implementation owing to financial constraints. As there has been considerable change in technology since then and the cost estimates are also out of date, Government instructed BALCO to undertake a fresh techno-economic study of the project. Government will take a decision after careful examination.

Branches of Foreign Banks in Karnataka

5529. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the names of foreign banks having their branches in Karnataka State and the locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): Grindlays Bank Limited is the only foreign bank having a branch in Karnataka State and it is located at Bangalore.

Loans advanced by Branches of Nationalised Banks in Bihar to Marginal and Small farmers

5530. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of marginal and small farmers, rural artisans etc. who have been advanced credit by the nationalised bank branches of Banipatti, Bisfi, Basopatti and other branches of Madhubani and Darbhanga districts in Bihar and how many such petitions have been rejected or are pending; and

(b) what is such number, branch-wise, for small or cottage industries with reasons therefor during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India do not maintain data branch-wise and district-wise in the manner asked for in the question. Information on outstanding credit of Scheduled commercial banks as at the end of December 1974, December 1975, June 1976 and December 1977 for Madhubani and Darbhanga districts of Bihar in respect of "Agriculture" and "Small Scale Industrial Units", which is available, is given in the statement enclosed. Information regarding rejected or pending applications at these branches, is also not available with the RBI.