

(1)	(2)	(3)
	Rs.	Rs.
July 1979	52336.73	34746.45
August 1979	56282.80	37816.20
September 1979	64081.20	43835.20
October 1979	64057.65	44278.65
November 1979	65251.90	46767.65
December 1979	64860.20	46558.15
January 1980	65914.10	47498.85
February 1980	66989.80	47976.50
March 1980	68070.75	48775.75

Shifting of Malangtoli Project from Hyderabad to Joda, Orissa

2680. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to shift the Head Office of Malangtoli Project from Hyderabad to Joda, Barbie, or any nearest Mines area of Malangtoli, Orissa; and

(b) if so, when such proposal is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Banking facilities in Block Headquarters of Andhra Pradesh

2681. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many block headquarters in Andhra Pradesh are without any branch of any of the nationalised banks;

(b) whether Government intend to open rural banks in these unbanked areas; and

(c) what other steps are contemplated to provide banking facilities to these rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) Branches of commercial banks exist at or within three Kilometres of all block headquarters in Andhra Pradesh, except Shermahammadpuram in Srikakulam District. Keeping in view the lack of infrastructural facilities at this centre, Government of Andhra Pradesh had suggested branch opening at Etcherla—a centre within 3 Kms of Shermahammadpuram. A licence for opening a branch at this centre has been issued by the Reserve Bank to Andhra Bank.

(b) to (c). Under its current branch licensing policy for 3 year period of 1979—81, the Reserve Bank is seeking to ensure that the branch expansion efforts of the commercial banks are primarily devoted to the opening of branches at unbanked rural/semi-urban centres in districts having poorer coverage than one bank branch per 20,000 people in rural/semi-urban areas. In terms of this programme, 282 branches are required to be opened at rural/semi-urban centres in deficit districts of Andhra Pradesh. The Reserve Bank had upto end-July 1980, issued authorisations to commercial banks for opening branches at 228 centres. Allotment of remaining centres is in progress.