

**Expenditure towards officers of sponsoring Bank in Gorakhpur Gramin Bank**

614. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the annual expenditure towards 4 officers of Sponsoring Bank in Gorakhpur Kh. Gramin Bank exceeded 3.80 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MANGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). The State Bank of India which is the Sponsor Bank of Gorakhpur Kshetriya Gramin Bank is reported to have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3.94 lakhs by way of managerial and financial assistance to the above named Regional Rural Bank during 1979. This assistance has been given to meet (i) salary and allowances of six deputed officers of State Bank; (ii) cost of training; (iii) salary and allowances of 9 Managing Directors of Farmers Service Societies financed by the Bank; and (iv) arrears of deputation allowance of Officers deputed to the Regional Rural Bank in the past. In terms of Section 3(3) of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976, it is the duty of the Sponsor Bank to aid and assist the Regional Rural Bank sponsored by it.

**Decentralisation of Supply of Newsprint**

615. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the mis-management of State Trading Corporation is one of the reasons;

(d) if so, whether Government have a proposal to decentralise the supply of newsprints; and

(e) the steps Government propose to make regular supply of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c). Apart from shipping delays of arrival, no shortage of newsprint supply as compared to demand in the country has come to Government's notice. STC arranges import of newsprint based on estimated requirements projected by the Registrar of Newspapers of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. As against the entitlements issued by RNI of around 3,15,000 MT for serving servicing during the current year, an import of 3,28,000 MT has been planned.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government have taken steps to increase the buffer stock of newsprint held by STC from 10,000 MT to 25,000 MT. Unless there are totally unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of STC, the STC would be able to service the entitlements of newsprint during the current year.

**Credit extended by nationalised banks in Burdwan District of West Bengal**

616. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of credit extended by the nationalised banks in the Burdwan district of West Bengal during the last five year-wise;

(b) total amount of credit given to Bargadara, share croppers small peasants, unemployed youth and other poor section of the society;

(c) number of bank branches opened during the last five years year-wise; and

(d) target for the year 1981?