(b) Government do not consider non-payment of the above incentives for fresh pomfret as an anomaly.

Income, Expenditure and Profit of Punjab and Sind Bank

- 4471. SHRISUSHIL BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- . (a) the figures of Income, Expenditure and Profit of the Punjab and Sind Bank since 1974:
- (b) what are the operating expenses, Salaries and Wages, Net Profit, total income, paid up capital and Reserve of the Bank for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981; and
- (c) the expenses incurred by the Bank on account of payment of Bonus to its employees for the year 1980 and what profits have been made by the Bank after payment of bonus?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). The information regarding income, Expenditure and Profit of Punjab and Sind Bank for the years 1974 to 1980 as per the published profit and loss accounts of the Bank is as follows:

Year		t in lakhs o Expendi- ture	f rupees) Profit
1974	956 00	934.12	21.88
1975	1374.29	1352.22	22.07
1976	2175.81	2153.58	22. 23
1977	3083.43	3058.27	25.16
1978	3862.27	3836.76	25.51
1979	4964.11	4924.09	40.02.
1980	6330.08	62 88.46	41.62

The information regarding establishment expenses viz. salaries,

wages, allowances etc. and other expenses including interest paid on deposits, borrowings etc., paid-up capital and reserve fund of the Bank for the years 1979 and 1980 as per the Bank's published Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Accounts are given below:

(Amount in lakhs of Rs.) Year

Items	1979	1980
1. Salaries allowances and Provident Fund contributions		1605.92
2. Other expenses including interest paid on deposits, borrowings etc.	3737.24	4682.54
3. Paid up capital	89.04	88.60
4. Reserve fund and other reserves	146.02	194.02

The Accounts for the year 1981 are yet to be finalised.

(c) After making a provision of Rs. 64 lakhs for payment of bonus during the year 1980 the Bank made a net profit of Rs. 41.62 lakhs.

Restrictions on Import of First quality of Nylon and Polyester Filament Yarn

- 4472. SHRI C. D. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that weavers experience difficulties because of restrictions on import of first quality of Nylon and Polyester filament yarn; and
- (b) if so, steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISIER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM-(SHRI KHURSHEED MERCE ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b). There is no restriction on the import of 1st quality Nylon and Polyester filament yarn which are presently on Open General Licence for Actual Users.

Export of Viscose Filament Fabrics

4473. SHRI AHMED MOHAM-MED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the export of viscose filament fabrics has come down to a great extent because the scheme of supply of indigenous viscose yarn at concessional rates against export has been discontinued; and
- (e) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE KHURSHEED KHAN): (a) and (b). A voluntary scheme for supply of art silk yarn at concessional prices to exporters was in operation before 1977. was given up on account of unsatisfactory working. In order to increase availability of viscose filament yarn and keep a check on prices, import of this material is permitted on Open General Licence. Exporters can also import it under the advance Licensing Scheme.

Opening of Branch Office of L. I. C. in Gangavati Raichur District. Karnataka

4474. SHRI H G. RAMULU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a branch office of LIC in

Gangavati town in Raichur District of Karnataka;

- (b) if so, when it is going to be implemented;
- (c) the steps so far taken by the Ministry; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) to (d). A suggestion to open a branch at Gangavati has been received from the Hon'ble Member. This suggestion will be considered by the LIC while drawing up their programme of opening new branches during 1982-83.

Smuggling of Goods by Darjeeling Mail Train

4475. SHRI AMAR ROYPRA-DHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of smuggled goods is being carried by the smugglers by Darjeeling Mail Train from New Jalpaiguri to Sealdah station everyday, hiding their goods in bath rooms, first class compartments and sleeper compartments in collusion with the RPF; and
- (b) what steps Government are considering to check huge smuggling of goods on Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders near Siliguri in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) The Customs authorities have detected several cases of smuggled goods being transported from New Jalpaiguri to Sealdah Station on the Darjeeling Mail. These goods were found concealed in the panelling and toilets of railway compartments.