

passenger traffic) for 17 trunk routes of the Indian Airlines had been conducted by the Operational Research Group of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research ;

(b) whether the study has been useful in achieving the capacity utilisation and in saving fuel consumption ;

(c) whether escalation of the petroleum prices had also been taken into consideration in the said study ; and

(d) if the study has been useful in case of the Indian Airlines, whether such studies have been undertaken for the routes of Air India and also for such new routes in Asia, which could not only promote the business prospects of Air India but also add to the development of trade with these developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The study was for selected routes.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amount of deposits secured and credits advanced in Bihar

6691. SHRI BHOGEN DRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question Nos. 3225 and 3226 on 12th March 1982 regarding branches of Regional Rural Banks in Districts of Bihar and Branches of banks in Madhubani and Darbhanga Districts of Bihar respectively and state :

(a) what is total amount of deposits secured and credits advanced in Bihar by the regional rural banks and other banks respectively ;

(b) whether petitions for credit have not been disposed of by most of the bank branches within the stipulated period of two months ; particularly, to those seeking self-employment through productive endeavour in the districts of Madhubani and Darbhanga ; and

(c) if so, the exact number of such petitions and steps to expedite ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) As at the end of June, 1981, the scheduled commercial banks functioning in Bihar had secured deposits of Rs. 1765 crores, of which deposits secured by the regional rural banks amounted to Rs. 38 crores. These banks had advanced total credits of Rs. 704 crores, of which the share of RRBs was Rs. 32 crores. According to the latest available information, as at the end of September, 1981, the seventeen Regional Rural Banks in Bihar had mobilised Rs. 43 crores in deposits and advanced credit of Rs. 37 crores.

(b) and (c). For minimising delay in sanctioning of loans, instructions have been issued to all banks to dispose of loan applications for Rs. 10,000/- and less within a period of 3 to 4 weeks, and those exceeding Rs. 10,000/- within a period of 3 months.

Madhubani Kshetriya Gramin Bank functioning in the district of Madhubani has reported that no loan proposals under self-employment through productive endeavour is pending with them. However, 52 such applications are presently pending consideration with Mithila Gramin Bank functioning in the district of Darbhanga and the bank is making efforts for their early disposal.