

ember 1978 to 997 in September, 1981. Of the additional 299 branches, 286 were located at rural and Semi-urban centres. As at the end of September 1981, banks had 295 licences/allotments pending with them for branch opening in Orissa.

World Bank Assistance to U. P.

288. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government has asked for financial as-

sistance from the World Bank for their various developmental schemes;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes and the amount asked for; and

(c) what has been the response of the World Bank so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The following projects in the State of U.P. are presently under consideration for World Bank group assistance:—

S. No.	Name of Project	Amount of assistance
1.	U.P. Tubewells Phase II	\$ 100.00 million
2.	Upper Ganga Irrigation Modernisation	125.00 million

In addition, U. P. may also be one of the States participating in the following multi-State projects under consideration for Bank group assistance :

1.	Handlooms Project	\$ 100.00 million	Statewise breakup of possible World Bank assistance is not yet available.
2.	U.P. /Karnataka Horticulture	\$ 60.00 million	..
3.	Integrated Watershed Rehabilitation and Development Project.	\$ 30.00 million (Approx.)	--

(c) The above projects are at various stages of project preparation and the final decision on the scope and quantum of World Bank assistance will be decided only after they have been appraised by the Bank and negotiations are completed. The availability of Bank group funds will also determine how many projects can actually be tied up for assistance.

Special Facilities for Foreign Tourists

209. SHRI SATYA SADHAN CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the infrastructural costs for the develop-

ment of tourist complexes are so high and need so much of foreign exchange to make available certain special facilities for the foreign tourists that the ultimate return is actually very meagre;

(b) whether this also takes away the jobs of local population and makes the m dependent on tourism-related activities;

(c) if so, whether Government have any intention to divert their attention towards more of alternative tours instead of mass tours organised by travel agents; and

(d) if so, the details of the same planning?