

(b) and (c). The Government has been sanctioning Dearness Allowance for every 8 point increase in the cost of living index.

Swindling in Muradpur branch of Nationalised Bank

1126, SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a swindling of Rs. 7,00,000 was detected in the local Muradpur (Bihar) branch of a nationalised bank;

(b) whether C. B. I. enquiry was conducted;

(c) whether similarly another branch at Ban Morh at Dhanbad was swindled;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) action taken against those involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (e). In the absence of the name of the bank and the period of reported swindling, information has been called for from all the public sector banks having branches at Muradpur, Patna. Information to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

"Janata Deposit Scheme" in S.B.I.

1127. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Janata Deposit Scheme' for mobilising small deposit is in operation in the State Bank of India; if so, from what date;

(b) the number of branches of State Bank of India in the State of Bihar during 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(c) the number of Janata Deposit Agents recruited during 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(d) the total amount of deposit collected during 1979-80 and 1980-81; and

(e) in case the answers reflect poor mobilisation, reasons therefor and remedial action propose to be taken for mobilising substantial amount under this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Janata Deposit Scheme is being implemented by the State Bank of India through selected branches since June, 1971.

(b) The total number of branches of State Bank of India in Bihar was 500 at the end of December, 1979 and 571 at the end of December, 1980. The number of branches of the Bank in Bihar where Janata Deposit Scheme was in operation was 28 during 1979-80 and 40 during 1980-81.

(c) 40 Janata Deposit Collectors were deployed by the Bank in the State of Bihar during 1979-80 and 1980-81.

(d) The total amount of Janata Deposit collected by the State Bank of India in Bihar amounted to Rs. 29 lakhs in 1979-80 and Rs. 50 lakhs in 1980-81.

(e) State Bank of India has reported that in its assessment the mobilisation of small savings under the Janata Deposit Scheme is encouraging, but it involves high cost in operation.

Creation of Posts of Class IV/Guards in State Bank of India

1128. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any yardstick for creation of posts of Class IV including Guards in the State Bank of India; and

(b) if so, why this yardstick is not being implemented and Class IV posts have not been created during the last four years in spite of phenomenal all-round increase in all categories name-