

(ii) Projecting the performance, competence and capabilities of Indian consultancy services through various sources such as brochures, folders, films, etc.

(iii) Sponsoring exclusive consultancy tours to various countries having potential for export of such services. This year one consultancy team to Saudi Arabia, Libya and Iraq is being sponsored.

(iv) Inviting buyers of consultancy services from overseas countries and organising meetings with various Indian consultancy organisations and visits to their offices and project sites completed.

(v) Organising meetings with various visiting dignitaries, Indian Ambassadors visiting New Delhi, Ambassadors being posted to the countries of their accreditation, organising seminars, workshops, etc.

In addition, the Government is also giving grants-in-aid by way of Marketing Development Assistance to eligible consultancy organisations for consultancy services for undertaking market study abroad.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Himachal Pradesh

375. PROF. NARAIN

SHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 10511 on 30th April, 1982 regarding opening of branches of nationalised banks in Himachal Pradesh and state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the State Government regarding the opening of branches of the nationalised banks in Himachal Pradesh have since been received for the year 1982-83;

(b) if so, the names of the places recommended by the State Government for this purpose, district-wise;

(c) whether the branches have since been sanctioned and the names of the banks concerned for each place; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and the likely date by which they would be sanctioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Check in price rise and inflation

376. SHRI SUNIL MAITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that 15 per cent increase in coal prices is the inescapable outcome of Government's failure to contain inflation and check the price rise generally; and

(b) if so, his reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The recent increase in coal prices is in line with the Government's policy to improve financial viability of the producing units. There has been a continued improvement in the price situation. The annual rate of inflation in terms of the Wholesale Price Index (1970-71—100) has declined from 16.7 per cent in 1980-81 to 2.1 per cent in 1981-82. Despite seasonal pressures in the recent weeks the annual rate of inflation as on week ended June 19, 1982 was 1.8 per cent compared with 12.6 per cent in the corresponding week last year.

Deposit Growth rate in Banks

377. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India is worried over the low deposit growth rate in Banks;

(b) what were the growth rates of deposits in the last four years year-wise;