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5. Karnataka Cement	475
6. Karnataka Minerals & Manufacturing Company Ltd.	475
7. Sriram Cement	540
8. Amirgadh Cement	467
9. Radhakrishnan Cement	400
10. Panchamahar Cement	475
11. Dhar Cement	475
12. ARC Cement	354
13. Swadeshi Cement	475

Opening of branches of State Bank of India in Orissa

5248. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new branches of the State Bank of India proposed to be opened in Orissa during 1981-82;

(b) whether some of the new branches of the State Bank of India are proposed to be opened in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, their number and the places where they will be opened during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The State Bank of India added 28 branches to its branch network in Orissa taking the total number of its branches in the State to 290 as at the end of December 1981. As on that date the bank was also holding allotments/licences for opening 27 more offices in the State. Names of the centres to which these relate are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

From the beginning of April 1982, the Reserve Bank have formulated a new branch expansion policy which aims at a banking coverage of one bank office, on an average, for 17,000 population in the rural and semi-urban areas. In pursuance of this objective, 350 additional allotments/licences are expected to be issued during the three years 1982-83 to 1984-85 for opening rural semi-urban branches at centres being indentified by the State Government in the 13 districts of Orissa. Some of these may get allocated to the State Bank of India. Their actual number and locations can, however, be known only when the branch expansion programme for Orissa be finalised.

Revolving Restaurant for Ashoka Hotel

5249. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a revolving restaurant on the top of Ashoka Hotel;

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this regard and by when it will be ready;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the said project; and

(d) whether any other hotel in the country has such tower; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). The tower block of the revolving restaurant is completed upto fifth floor level. The scheme for the completion of the remaining work would be taken up for implementation subject to the satisfactory feasibility study and availability of resources.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 158 lakhs.