

mittee is expected to submit its report by August, 1971.

**Grants to Institutions doing Research in Social Sciences**

3761. SHRI K. C. PANDEY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have finalised the rules for giving grants to societies and institutions doing research in Social Sciences ; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Rules is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-592/71].

**Students going abroad for Higher Education**

3762. SHRI K. C. PANDEY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students who went abroad for higher education during the last three years country-wise ;

(b) the number of those students who went on State Scholarship country-wise ;

(c) the number of those students in (b) category who did not return after the expiry of their studies in violation of the contracts ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in their cases ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) :

(a) to (d). The required information is not readily available. The same will be obtained and placed on the table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

**Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Development Blocks**

3763. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total population served by each bank branch in the country, particularly in Bihar and North Bihar ;

(b) whether it is proposed to open at least one branch of the bank in each development block of the country during the present financial year ; and

(c) if not, whether any scheme for mobilising deposits and providing credits to the rural population in each block is proposed to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANT RAO CHAVAN) : (a) At the end of March, 1971, the population coverage of commercial banks in India was about 47,000 persons per bank office. For Bihar, the coverage was 1,35,000. The coverage in the districts of North Bihar is indicated below :

	As in June. March 1971 December, '71		
	69 (estimated)	(estimated)	(Projected)
	ted)		(in thousands)
1. Champaran	334	130	86
2. Darbhanga	315	229	158
3. Muzaffarpur	386	184	132
4. Purnea	266	119	96
5. Saharsa	418	134	131
6. Saran	362	262	181

(b) There is no proposal to open bank offices in each development block as such. The criteria adopted for selecting centres for location of new bank offices were outlined in the Statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 572 answered on 18th June, 1971.

(c) The massive programme of branch expansion particularly in rural areas embarked upon by the commercial banks after nationalisation of the 14 banks was intended to help mobilise rural savings and extend bank credit to the rural population. Of the 3256 new