

operators and retail trade & small business are furnished below :—

	No. of A/Cs.	Amount Outstanding (Rs. lakhs)
1. Agriculture (direct finance)	6167	70.73
2. Road Transport	418	95.42
3. Small Scale Industries	707	478.17
4. Retail Trade & Small Business	1636	174.64

Note :—Figures are Provisional

**Branches of Nationalised Banks in Rural
Urban Areas of Bihar**

4360. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI :
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state :

(a) the number of branches of
nationalised banks opened in rural and
urban areas of Bihar, separately since
nationalisation ; and

(b) the number of branches out of
them opened in Chhotanagpur division ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI
YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a). Between
19th July, 1969 and 30th April, 1971, the
14 nationalised banks opened 100 new
offices in Bihar. Of these, 53 are located
in rural, 37 in semi-urban and 10 in
urban centres.

(b) Of the 100 new offices opened
by the nationalised banks in Bihar
during the period mentioned above 17
have been opened in Chhotanagpur
division.

**Loans granted for Small Scale Industries
and Agriculture in Bihar**

4361. SHRI R. N SHARMA : Will
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state :

(a) the number of persons and firms
who applied for loans from different
branches of the State Bank in Bihar
for Small Scale Industries and Agriculture
from 1st January, 1968 to 28th February,
1971 ;

(b) the number of applicants to whom
loans were granted ; and

(c) the number of applicants to whom
loans were not granted and the reasons
therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) to
(c). Information is not maintained by
the banks in the form asked for by
the Hon'ble member. However data in
respect of advances made to agriculturists

and small scale industries in Bihar by State Bank of India are furnished below :

(Amount in Rs. lakhs)

	End of June 1968			End of March 1971		
	No. of A/Cs.	Limits Sanc- tioned	Balance Outstand- ing	No. of A/Cs.	Limitt Sanc- tioned	Balance Outstand- ing
Agriculturists	1	60.00	19.00	9307	589.00	473.00
Small Scale Industries	151	105.90	60.82	871	771.99	416.17

Arrangements for the repairs of Ships by Hindustan Shipyard at Vishakhapatnam

4362. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are till now no arrangements by Hindustan Shipyard at Vishakhapatnam to undertake repairs of ships weighing more than 50,000 tonnes, which causes great inconvenience to ship-owners ;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme under the consideration of Government to provide this facility to ship-owners at Vishakhapatnam ; and

(c) if so, the outline thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c). The construction of a Dry Dock capable of accommodating ships upto the sizes of 55,000 D.W.T. at the Hindustan Shipyard Vishakhapatnam is in progress. It is expected to be ready for partial use shortly and for full use early next year. With the commissioning of this Dry Dock, the present inconvenience to ship owners would be reduced considerably.

Assistance from U. S. A.

4363. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a press report that United States Government has pledged extensive economic assistance to India ;

(b) whether the proposed economic assistance is not to be utilised for rehabilitation of refugees from Bengla Desh ; and

(c) if so, the quantum of assistance and the form in which it will be received from U. S. Government ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the recent announcement of U. S. assistance of \$70 million. Of this amount \$20 million will be in the form of normal non-project assistance. The remaining sum of \$50 million is to be utilised for refugee relief. The form in which such assistance will be received is still under discussion.

Grants to Gauhati and Dibrugarh Universities

4364. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the amount of grants given to Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University by the University Grants Commission during the last three years ?