

**Satellite Offices Scheme of the State
Bank of India**

697. **SHRI P. GANGADEB :**
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Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state :
(a) whether State Bank of India has, for the first time, launched its Statellite Offices Scheme by opening five such offices in Varanasi ;

(b) if so, how far this new scheme has helped the people ; and

(c) in which places this scheme has since been introduced and what is the future programme in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YESHWANT-RAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) : Yes Sir.

State Bank of India has opened for the first time, on an experimental basis, satellite offices in different parts of the country. The first lot of such satellite offices was opened in April, 1971 at 24 centres including five to be operated from Varanasi as indicated below :

<i>Base Branch</i>	<i>Satellite offices</i>
Burdwan	Saktigarh, Galsi and Bhedia
Varanasi	Mohansarai, Mirzamurad, Niamatabad, Baburi and Kaithi
Amritsar	Bohoru, Kassel, Bachiwind, Attari.
Sabarmati	Chhala, Dhanap, Dasela, Lavarpur, Chiloda, Seholi Moti.
Amalapuram	Komaragiripatnam, Godilanka, Kunavaram, Samanasa, Anathavaram, Bheemanapalli.

Six more satellite offices are proposed to be opened from Thanjavur Branch in the next few months.

It is too early to assess the impact of the satellite offices.

**Acquisition of Boeing Planes by
Indian Airlines**

698. **SHRI R.S. PANDEY :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (PARYATAN AUR NAGAR VIMANAN MANTRI) be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have introduced Boeing planes on its services, if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) whether Government have made an assessment about its economics and usefulness to meet the passenger requirements and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (PARYATAN AUR NAGAR VIMANAN MANTRI) (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines have introduced Boeing 737 services on the following routes :

1. Bombay/Calcutta/Bombay ;
2. Bombay/Goa/Bombay ;
3. Delhi/Jaipur/Bombay ;
4. Delhi/Madras/Delhi ;
5. Delhi/Calcutta/Delhi ;
6. Delhi/Agra/Khajuraho/Varanasi/Kathmandu ;
7. Delhi/Hyderabad/Bangalore ;
8. Delhi/Bombay/Delhi ; and
9. Bombay/Bangalore/Bombay.

(b) The decision to purchase Boeing 737-200 aircraft was taken after a very careful and detailed study with the help of a computer, and all relevant factors were taken into account.