

less than two shift basis due to scarcity of raw material and this holds good for the mills in Orissa also.

Private Assessors in New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

1618. SHRI K. K. SHETTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New India Assurance Company Ltd. has private Assessors for the settlement of claims besides their own regular employed Claims Inspectors;

(b) whether in view of the huge unemployment amongst Engineering Graduates and diploma holders, Government propose to do away with private Assessors; and

(c) the time by which the private Assessors will be completely done away with and unemployed Engineering Graduates and diploma holders employed instead?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश के बुरहानपुर कस्बे में बुनकरों की संख्या

1619. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या बाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के बुरहानपुर कस्बे में बुनकरों की संख्या कितनी है ,

(ख) क्या इन बुनकरों द्वारा रेशम और जरी की बस्तुओं का निर्माण, जिनका निर्यात किया जाता था, बहुत कम हो गया है ।

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार ईत काम को करने वाले बुनकरों को कुछ सुविधाएँ देने का है ? और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ।

बाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह) : (क) से (घ) : जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Tamil Nadu

1620. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches so far opened by the nationalised banks in Tamil Nadu.

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more branches of these banks in Tamil Nadu during the Fifth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the number thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The number of bank offices of the public sector banks, including the 14 nationalised banks, in Tamil Nadu increased from 714 on the eve of bank nationalisation to 1239 as at the end of June, 1974.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the directive of the Reserve Bank of India, commercial banks formulate three year rolling plans of branch expansion. Currently the banks are engaged in formulating the plan for the three year period 1975-77. The Reserve Bank of India have indicated that as at the end of June, 1974, public sector banks, including the 14 nationalised banks, had on hand 111 licences/allotments for opening offices in Tamil Nadu.