

(b) the number of Rural Banks implementing 20-Point Economic Programme and the steps taken therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b). So far 23 Regional Rural Banks have been opened in different parts of the country. As at the end of June, 1976 19 Regional Rural Banks established till then mobilised deposits of Rs. 125.85 lakhs and have disbursed Rs. 160.15 lakhs. The performance report in respect of the remaining banks opened after June, 1976 is not available. All these Banks have been instructed to implement the points concerning them under the 20 Point Economic Programme.

#### Bank Loans to Weaker Sections in Karnataka

1141. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether many a bank in the Karnataka State are not coming forward to sanction loans to the weaker sections of people like farmers, artisans, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and unemployed youths because no security is provided on behalf of these people ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to help these sections of the society to have the benefits of the 20-point Economic Programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that banks in Karnataka State are not coming forward to sanction loans to the weaker sections of the people, because no security is provided on their behalf. Even since nationalisation, the commercial banks have moved away from the security-oriented approach and have adopted purpose-oriented lending, particularly to the Weaker sections. No. viable scheme is rejected for

want of security or guarantee, if banks are otherwise satisfied on its merits. As and when any specific complaint is received from an individual for refusal of bank credit, the matter is taken up with the concerned bank and where necessary, banks are also advised suitably.

The provisional figures of balance outstanding in December 1975 in respect of priority sector advances, advances under DIR Scheme and Half-a-million Jobs programme in Karnataka were Rs. 191.45 crores, Rs. 2.18 crores and Rs. 7.79 crores respectively. Moreover, after the launching of the 20-Point Economic Programme, all the Public Sector banks have formulated various schemes to provide financial assistance to economically weaker sections covered in the Programme at liberal and concessional terms.

#### Development of International Airports

1142. SHRI VASANT SATHE : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the plan for further development of international airports in the country ; and

(b) if so, the physical contents of the plan, financial outlay involved and other main features of each airport separately ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). During the Fifth five year plan an outlay of Rs. 27.67 crores has been earmarked for the development of international airports. The major schemes/projects envisaged include construction of a new International Passenger and Cargo Terminal Complex at Bombay airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 11 crores. A new terminal complex is being planned and a cargo complex is being developed at the Delhi airport. The existing passenger handling facilities at Madras airport have already been improved at a cost of Rs. 22