Statement-III

Details of offices proposed to be opened by NABARD during 1998-99.

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SI.No.	State	Location/District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
2.	Bihar	Begusarai
3.		Bhagalpur
4		Bokaro
5.		Darbhanga
6.		East Singhbhum
7.		East Champaran
8.		Gumla
9.		Munger
10.		Giridih
11		Siwan
12.	Madhaya Pradesh	Guna
13.		Khargone
14.		Shivpuri
15.	Orissa	Nayagarh
16.		Kendrapada
17.		Sundergarh
18.		Navrangpur
19.	Punjab	Amritsar .
20		Bhatinda
21.	Tamil Nad u	Shivganga.
22 .	Uttar Pradesh	Baghpat
23		Ghaziabad
24.		Mathura
25.	West Bengal	Bankura

[English]

Setting up of Cigarette Industry

2086. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from M/s Rothmans of U.K. for setting up cigarette industry in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed lication, capacity and investment in this industry; and
- (c) the estimated additional employment likely to be generated as a result of setting up of this industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes. Sir

- (b) M/s Rothamans of Pall Mall (International) Ltd., UK have submitted a proposal for setting up of a 100% Wholly Owned Subsidiary with an equity investment of upto US \$ 150 million in the company for undertaking the following activities:
 - Purchase of tobacco for export.
 - Integrated agronomic development of tobacco principally in the state of Andhra Pradesh,
 - Introduction of international brands from the Rothamans for the Indian consumer.
 - Transfer of manufacturing technology and knowhow to the designated manufacturer in India,
 - Transfer of managerial expertise to its local employees,
 - To provide consulting services to its parent companies/subsidiary of the parent company on the investment climate in India, and
 - Sponsorship of sports events.

The company has given an undertaking to divest 26% of their shareholdings to Indian partner/Indian public with in 5 year.

(c) No such details have been given by the applicant.

Foreign Companies in Indian Tobacco Business

2087. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign companies want to rush their applications for getting into the Indian tobacco business;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have imposed certain conditions to allow entry of foreign tobacco companies into the country;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;