

sanctioned in May, 1988. No estimates were received from the State Government for the construction of the bridges. However, as the road has since been deleted from the BRDB programme, the State Government is required to execute the remaining works from their own funds.

[Translation]

VALUE OF RUPEE

1446. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the present value of a rupee in paise, treating 1960 as base year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : The present value of the rupee measured as the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Industrial Workers on base 1960=100 works out to 9.94 paise in May 1991 (latest available).

INCIDENTS OF FIRING ON INDO-PAK BORDER

1447. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of firing between Indian and Pakistani Forces on Indo-Pak border during 1990 and 1991 till date;

(b) the total number of Indian soldiers killed in these incidents; and

(c) the number of Pakistani soldiers killed and arrested ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) There have been a number of firing incidents between Indian and Pakistani Forces on the International Border/Line of Control during 1990 and 1991. There have been casualties on both sides in these firing incidents. It will, however, not be in public interest to disclose further details.

REGIONAL RURAL BANKS IN MAHARASHTRA

1448. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATH-RAO GUNDEWAR) : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of regional rural banks in Maharashtra at present district-wise; and

(b) the role played by these banks in the rural economic development of Maharashtra ?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that there are 10 Regional Rural Banks functioning in Maharashtra. The districts served by these banks are as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of Regional Rural Bank	Districts covered
1.	Marathwada Gramin Bank	Nanded, Parbhani, Latur, Beed & Osmanabad.
2.	Aurangabad Jalna Gramin Bank	Aurangabad & Jalna.
3.	Chandrapur-Gadchiroli Gramin Bank	Chandrapur & Gadchiroli.
4.	Akola Gramin Bank	Akola
5.	Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Gramin Bank	Ratnagiri & Sindhudurg.
6.	Solapur Gramin Bank	Solapur
7.	Bhandara Gramin Bank	Bhandara
8.	Yavatmal Gramin Bank	Yavatmal
9.	Buldhana Gramin Bank	Buldhana
10.	Thane Gramin Bank	Thane