

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3.	Imported (Urea) Fertiliser	201	771	659	1300	996	782	1166	1935	1350	1950
4.	Fertiliser subsidy to small and marginal farmers	...	...	...	385	...	...	...	...	...	...
5.	Export Promotion and Market Development	1386	2014	2742	1758	818	665	658	16	400	440
6.	Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concession to farmers	...	...	...	...	...	...	528	500	1674	2000
B.	Debt Relief to Farmers	...	...	1602	1425	1500	500	341	...	...	...
C.	Other Subsidies	945	1442	1075	1035	1081	1418	1064	1177	2461	1121
7.	Railways	207	233	283	312	353	412	420	418	466	537
8.	Mill-made Cloth	27	10	10	15	15	16	...	1	...	...
9.	Handloom Cloth	146	181	185	187	161	174	148	143	96	84
10.	Import/Export of Sugar, Edible Oils etc.	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	50	50
11.	Interest Subsidies	406	881	379	316	113	113	76	34	1257	34
12.	Assistance for fertilizer promotion	...	...	...	...	340	517	...	...	...	...
13.	Other Subsidies	119	137	218	205	99	186	420	418	590	416
Total Subsidies		7732	10474	12158	12253	11995	12682	12932	13305	16694	18251

Budget Allocation

591. SHRI SUNDERLAL PATWA :
 SHRI V.M SUDHEERAN :
 SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH :
 SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
 SHRI VIJAY PATEL :
 DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
 SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :
 SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Centre plan outlay of Rs. 92,000 crores, an expenditure of only Rs. 16,000 crores was spent representing 70% has been incurred in the first quarter;

(b) if so, the main reasons for not spending the amount fully;

(c) whether the Prime Minister expressed serious concern over several Ministries/Departments for not generating enough resources and not spending adequately from the amounts allocated to them in the budget;

(d) whether any report has been prepared consequent to this observation regarding performance of each Ministry/Department; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The expenditure incurred represents 17.5% of the Central Plan Outlay and not 70%. The allocation will be utilised in four quarters. The expenditure in the first quarter is normally less than 25%.

(c) to (e) After reviewing the Plan expenditure by the various Ministries, the Cabinet Committee on Economic

Affairs had directed the Administrative Departments to regularly monitor the progress of expenditure in general and generation of internal resources by the PSUs. Arrangements are also being made in the Department of Expenditure to monitor Plan expenditure on quarterly basis. Expenditure incurred for the quarter ending September, 1997 is under preparation.

[*Translation*]

**Achievement of Target to Open
New Bank Branches**

592. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRIMATI SUBHAWATI DEVI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bank-wise prescribed target for opening the branches of various commercial banks in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan have since been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of branches of commercial Banks proposed to be opened during 1997-98, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that having broadly achieved the objective of providing adequate banking infrastructure to the national economy with a wide branch network of over 60,000 bank branches by the end of the period 1985-90, it was decided that there was no need for evolving any branch expansion programme co-terminus with Five Year Plans with specific targets like population coverage as was being done in the past. From the year 1992, it is left to the judgement of individual banks to assess the need for opening branches. As such, no bank-wise targets for opening branches of various commercial banks in the country during the 8th Five Year Plan were prescribed by RBI. However, the State-wise position of branches functioning as on 31.3.1997 i.e., at the end of VIIIth Five Year Plan, is furnished in enclosed Statement-I. A statement indicating the number of authorisations for branch opening issued from April 1, 1995 to October 31, 1997 and which are yet to be opened is at Statement II.

Statement I

*State and Population Group wise No. of Branches of Each Commercial Bank in India
(As on 31st March 1997)*

State/Union Territory	Population Group				No. of Branches
	Rural	Semi-Urban	Urban	Metro-politan	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andaman & Nicobar	17	14	—	—	31
Andhra Pradesh	2470	1121	861	452	4904
Arunachal Pradesh	67	1	—	—	68
Assam	841	248	148	—	1237
Bihar	3530	869	545	—	4944
Chandigarh	10	10	123	—	143
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7	—	—	—	7
Daman & Diu	1	12	—	—	13
Delhi	56	15	—	1164	1235
Goa	154	127	—	—	281