

(b) and (c). CFSI organised International children's Film Festival in every alternative year and conducts week-long/mini Film Festivals in various districts in the States. The 6th International Children's film Festival was held at Delhi in Nov., 1989. During 1988-89 CFSI held film weeks in 29 districts with 1971 shows throughout the country. The CFSI film have won awards at National and International Film Festivals. The CFSI Film 'ANKUR MAINA AUR KABOOTAR' has been judged the best Children's Film for the year 1989.

Reservations for SCs/STs, Backward Classes and Women in Appointment of High Court Judges

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes and women in the appointment of High Court judges, and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to provide for such reservation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). No. Sir. However, the Government have addressed

letters to the Chief Minister of States and the Chief Justices of High Courts, requesting them to locate persons from the Bar belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and women, who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

[English]

Opening of Bank Branches in Tamil Nadu

*549. SHRI R. MUTHIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank branches recommended to be opened in Tamil Nadu under the bank branches expansion scheme and the actual number of branches opened in the State during the last three years with district-wise break-up: and

(b) the names of nationalised banks which are still lagging behind in the matter of opening rural branches as recommended and accepted in principle?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). Under the Branch Licensing Policy 1985-90, a total of 362 licences were allotted for opening of branches of banks in Tamil Nadu. The district-wise break-up of centres allotted for 1985-90, and branches actually opened in the last three years (from 1.1.1987) is as follows:-

Sl. No.	District	No. of centres allotted	No. of offices opened during last three years (Beginning from 1.1.1987)
1	2	3	4
1.	Chengalpattu	33	32
2.	Kanyakumari	7	6