

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Credit Card Scheme for Farmers In
Uttar Pradesh**

*699. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks in Uttar Pradesh have started a "Credit Card" Scheme to provide loans to the farmers for purchase of farm-instruments, fertilizers, seeds etc; and

(b) if so, the names of the banks which have started the Scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). Some public sector banks have introduced Agricultural Credit Cards on an experimental basis in selected districts in few States. These cards are given to farmers who have a good track record to enable them to get agricultural credit, without difficulty, to meet their cost of production inputs. As

reported by Reserve Bank of India, in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, United Bank of India and Allahabad Bank have so far introduced the Cards in selected districts. The Government of India had advised the public sector banks in April, 1988 to consider launching of Credit Card Scheme for farmers and the banks have been taking steps in that direction.

Revamping of Censor Board

*703. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for revamping the Censor Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Government have already reconstituted the Central Board of Film Certification with the following members:—

Chairman	—	Shri B.P. Singhal	Retired Police Officer
Member	1.	Shri Shakti Samanta	Film Producer and director
	2.	Shri Manmohan Shetty	Film producer and laboratory owner
	3.	Prof. Vasant Bapat	Academician, poet and writer
	4.	Ms. Vijaya Mehta	Theatre personality, film director and actress
	5.	Shri Rajesh Bahadur	Business executive, film and art lover
	6.	Shri U. Visweswara Rao	Film producer and director
	7.	Shri A.S. Raman	Columnist and Editor
	8.	Shri Gemini Ganesan	Film actor