

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that as per the latest data available, the amount of profit earned by North Malabar Gramine Bank and South Malabar Gramine Bank was Rs. 196.90 lakhs and Rs. 75.64 lakhs, respectively during the year 1988-89. The figures for 1989-90 have not yet become available. It has further reported that both the banks do not have any accumulated losses.

(b) and (c). NABARD has reported that as on 30.09.1989, both these banks did not have any licences pending for opening of their branches.

T.V. Documentary "Democracy and Money Power"

7428. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a TV documentary entitled "Democracy and Money Power" was produced by the Media Workshop as per contract with the Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether the said TV documentary has been approved for telecast;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the producer has been paid the entire amount due to the company which produced the above documentary; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (e). A programme on the misuse of Money and Power during elections, produced by Media Workshop and

commissioned by Doordarshan, was held back by Doordarshan as its telecast would have infringed the guidelines issued by the Election Commission. However, while part payment to the producer of the programme has already been made, orders have been issued to make the full payment as per terms of the contract.

Incentives for Hotels in Darjeeling and Sikkim

7429. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide financial assistance and incentives etc. for establishment of hotels in Darjeeling and Sikkim region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been/are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). Government does not provide financial assistance for establishment of hotels directly. However, financial institutions such as Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Tourism Finance Corporation of India and several financial institutions at the State level provide financial assistance for construction of hotels.

New hotels established upto December, 1993 in hilly area above 3000 ft. of sea level are eligible for exemption from Expenditure Tax and tax concessions upto 50 per cent of the income for a period of 10 years.

Department of Tourism provides one per cent interest subsidy on loan amount of Rs. 75 lakhs for four and five star category and three per cent to one, two and three star