

**Bank Robberies**

8395. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL  
SHRI KALP NATH RAI  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA  
SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether a spate of bank robberies and lootings have been noticed in the capital and other parts of the country in recent months.

(b) if so, the number of incidents of bank robberies and lootings which occurred in the capital and rest of the country during the past four months (January-April, 1990) and the amount of money taken away as booty.

(c) the number of attempts of robberies and lootings rendered unsuccessful by the presence of mind of public, police or bank staff.

(d) whether Government give some reward to public/bank staff injured/killed while resisting bank robberies.

(e) if so, the amount given to each individual injured/killed, if any, during bank robberies referred to in part (b) above. and

(f) the steps taken to effectively prevent bank robberies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that 34 incidents of bank robberies/dacoities including one in the Union Territory of Delhi involving a total amount of Rs. 159.30 lakhs were reported in the country, during the period from 1.1.90 to 22.4.90

(c) As per available information, on 6th April, 1990 one case of attempted robbery involving Syndicate Bank's Extension Counter at Air Force Station, Palam was foiled by the bank guard.

(d) and (e). In order to motivate bank employees, general public and the Police personnel etc. a scheme for giving reward to those who resist/foil the attempts of robbers/dacoits, is in operation. Besides, banks have also been advised to recommend the names of those persons who show exceptional courage in resisting/foiling bank robberies/dacoities for granting Gallantry Awards. Information regarding the amount given as reward to each individual will be collected from the concerned banks and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

(f) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Security measures implemented by public sector banks are revived from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/instructions are given to the banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, banks have classified their branches, and posted armed guards, installed anti-burglary/robbery devices, etc., wherever necessary.

[*Translation*]

**Educational Programmes Telecast by Doordarshan for Students**

8396. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educational programmes telecast for students last year and the number thereof telecast in English and Hindi, separately with duration of such programmes;