

been constituted separately for each nationalised bank at the district level. However, under the Lead Bank Scheme a District Coordination Committee (DCC) consisting of representatives of banks and Government officials of the Government development agencies has been constituted. The meetings of this committee which are presided by the District Collectors are held on a quarterly basis. The Committee reviews the performance of banks under the Annual Credit Plans including Government sponsored programmes and ensures coordination between banks and Government development agencies. In addition, an enlarged forum of the above committee known as the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meets on a half yearly basis. Local Members of Parliament/Members of Legislative Assemblies are invited to the half yearly meeting of DLRC.

#### **Opening of Branches of RBI**

8410 SHRI JEEVARATHINAM Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to open branches of the Reserve Bank of India in important cities in order to streamline the functioning of the nationalised banks in the cities of business centres like Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) Reserve Bank of India has reported that, at present, it has no proposal under consideration for opening of new branches/offices in any State in the country.

#### **Development of Tourist Spots**

8411 SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE. Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received proposals for the development of some more

tourist spots upto International level during the current as well as next year,

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Territory-wise separately for each year; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

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) The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State and Union Territory Governments. However, Department of Tourism extends financial assistance for strengthening of tourism infrastructure on specific proposals based on their merits, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

#### **Savings Schemes**

8412 SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether some financial institutions owned/recognised by Government are engaged in collection of money through their various savings schemes,

(b) whether some private financial institutions are also engaged in collection of money through their different savings schemes, and

(c) if so, the details thereof separately in respect of financial institutions owned by Government, financial institutions recognised by Government and private financial institutions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) (a) to (c). Funds from public are collected by the commercial banks through various deposit schemes. Some of the banks