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Loans advanced by State Bank of India and Allahabad Bank to women entrepreneurs of Uttar Pradesh

1611. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women entrepreneurs of Uttar Pradesh to whom loans have been sanctioned by the State Bank of India and the Allahabad Bank during the last three years;

(b) the average time taken to sanction such loans; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to further simplify the procedure in this regard to reduce the time taken in sanctioning the loans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The number of women entrepreneurs of Uttar Pradesh to whom the loans have been sanctioned by State Bank of India and Allahabad Bank during the last three years, as reported by them, are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>State Bank of India</i>	<i>Allahabad Bank</i>
1	2	3
December 1987	9472	..
March 1988	..	18825
March 1989	15466	20849
March 1990	20598	22615

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India has advised the banks that all loan applications upto a limit of Rs. 25,000 should be disposed of within a fortnight and those over Rs. 25,000 within 8 to 9 weeks and this time frame is usually being adhered to.

Financial Assistance for Beautification of Tourist centres

1612. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation has been made by Union Government for the beautification of tourist centres during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for various tourist centres of Uttar Pradesh with the district-wise details of the tourist centres to be beautified; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*English*]

Replacement of old Equipment of Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra

1613. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the equipments of Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra have become obsolete;

(b) if so, whether Bangalore Doordarshan has requested Government for replacing the old equipments; and

(c) the steps taken to provide new equipments to Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The equipment installed at Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore, is well within its useful life span and has not, therefore, become obsolete.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.