

[SHRI A. G. GEORGE]

- (2) A copy of Notification No. S. O. 2474 (Hindi and English versions published in Gazette of India dated the 1st September, 1973 containing corrigendum to Notification No. S.O. 693 published in Gazette of India dated the 26th February, 1972 under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-6129/73].

SHRI SEZHIYAN : Sir, when the House is in session, within 15 days they should have done it. But they have not.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN (Wandiwassh) : Sir, on item (2), I wish to say that this was published on the 1st September, 1973. Normally, this should be placed within 15 days. They have not even given a memorandum for the delay.

MR. SPEAKER : He should have given the memorandum for the delay. I hope he will put it on the Table later on.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा ब्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। मुझे बड़े खेद के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि प्रोफेसर शेर सिंह जी सदन के सामने सही तथ्य नहीं रख रहे हैं। अभी उन्होंने कहा कि मैंने एक वक्तव्य रखा है कि जिसमें समझाया है कि रिपोर्ट हिन्दी में क्यों नहीं आ सकी.....

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब तो हम अगले पर चल गए।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : आप अगले पर चले तो गए लेकिन अब पीछे से पता चल रहा है कि वह वक्तव्य है ही नहीं..... (ब्यवधान)..... देखिए, अब वह उसे आर्थेटिकेट कर रहे हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : साथ ही आना चाहिए था।

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO U.S.Q. NO. 1920, DATED 3-8-73 RE. NEW URBAN AND RURAL BRANCHES OF NATIONALISED BANKS

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : I beg to lay on the Table : A statement (i) correcting the reply given on the 3rd August, 1973 to Unstarred Question No. 1920 by Shri R. K. Sinha regarding branches of nationalised banks opened in urban and rural areas, and (ii) giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

#### Statement

In reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1920 by Shri R. K. Sinha answered in the Lok Sabha on August 3, 1973, I had *inter-alia*, mentioned that the branches of the 14 Nationalised Banks opened in the country during the period from 1-1-1973 to 30-6-73 numbered 293 and that the population groupwise classification of these branches was as follows :

Rural . . . . .	109
Semi-urban . . . . .	59
Urban . . . . .	58
Metropolitan . . . . .	67

2. The Reserve Bank of India who had furnished this information have, now, indicated that the correct figure is 308 and the break-up, population group-wise is as under :—

	Number of offices opened by 14 Nationalised Banks from 1-1-73 to 30-6-73.
Rural . . . . .	110
Semi-urban . . . . .	64
Urban . . . . .	63
Metropolitan/Port Towns	71
	308

I am, therefore, making this Statement to day to correct the record. I regret the discrepancy which had crept in the earlier reply.

3. The communication from the Reserve Bank of India indicating the correct figure was received on December 19, 1973.