

Development of Tourist Spots in Maharashtra

*77. SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop tourist spots in Maharashtra during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred; and

(d) the time by which the work on those tourist spots is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (d). The Eighth Five Year Plan has yet to be formulated and as such, it is not possible to indicate these details.

Expansion of Nationalised Commercial Banks

*78. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of nationalised commercial banks during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the policy of Government with regard to the opening of new branches of the nationalised banks in different States and Union Territories; and

(c) the steps being taken to remove regional imbalance with the expansion of banking services to different areas?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). The current Branch Licensing Policy (1985-90) will come to an end on the 31st of March, 1990. The formulation of guidelines for the ensuing Branch Licensing Policy is under the consideration of the Reserve Bank of India.

[Translation]

Export of Rice to Soviet Union

*79. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of rice exported to the Soviet Union during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the companies which exported the rice and the quantity of rice exported by each of them, year-wise;

(c) the procedure followed by Government to grant permission to the above companies to export rice;

(d) whether any complaints have been received about the export of rice to the Soviet Union; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Export Inspection Council, the quantity and value of rice exported to Soviet Union during the last three years; year-wise, and names of exporters are given below:—