

1	2	3
Hyderabad	1	—
Visakhapatnam	1	—
Goa	1	—
Calicut	1	—
	—	—
Total	136	18

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the percentage share of the foreign banks in the total number of branches of all scheduled commercial banks in the country as on 31st December, 1987 was of the order of 0.25%. The data regarding working funds and profits for the system as a whole for the year 1987 has not yet become available.

(c) and (d) RBI has reported that the published profits of the Indian operation of the foreign banks had increased from Rs. 27.18 crores for the year 1984 to Rs. 86.41 crores during the year 1985 and to Rs. 70.04 crores during 1986. The published profits of all scheduled commercial banks in India increased from Rs. 107.35 crores in 1984 to Rs. 160.80 crores in 1985 and to Rs. 272.04 crores in 1986.

The foreign banks function in metropolitan/port towns and therefore do not operate schemes meant for rural areas at lower rates of interest. They cater mainly to the needs of foreign trade and industry which give better returns on funds. Since the character and methods of operations of the foreign banks and the Indian banks are different, it may not be appropriate to make any comparison between the profitability of foreign banks operating in India and other Indian banks.

Marketing of fish abroad

*982. SHRI DAULATSINGHJI JADEJA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has submitted any proposal to Government for marketing fish abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken in the matter;

(d) when the plan for selling fish abroad will take-off; and

(e) the time-table for starting such promotion measures ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (e) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has not submitted any specific proposal to the Government for marketing fish abroad. However, the MPEDA has already initiated promotional measures for increasing exports of marine products to markets abroad. These promotional measures include induction of more fishing vessels for exploitation of fishery resources in deep sea and diversification of our catch and export-products.

Banking facilities in Krishna and West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh

*983. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether banking facilities in the backward, upland areas in Krishna and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh are inadequate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government to cover the remot villages by establishing branches of commercial banks/Kanakadurga Gramin Bank in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of December, 1987, the average population per bank office (APPBO) in the rural and semi-urban areas of Krishna and Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh was 14,000 which was equal to the national average. Under the Branch Licensing Policy for the VIIth Plan period which aims to achieve APPBO of 17,000 in rural and semi-urban areas in each development block, RBI had allotted 26 centres in district Krishna and 26 centres in district West Godavari. With the opening of branches at all the allotted centres, both the districts, except two development blocks of West Godavari district will meet the population coverage norm prescribed in the branch expansion policy. The bank having lead responsibility in West Godavari district has been advised by RBI to identify appropriate centres in these two blocks and forward the list through the State Government so that RBI could consider the same for requisite allotment.

Decline in Small Savings Schemes receipts

*988. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a decline in the receipts under the Small Savings Scheme launched by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and

State-wise break-up of such earning over the last two years with particular reference to Maharashtra;

(c) whether as a result of decline in small saving receipts, the States resource position has been affected adversely;

(d) if so, whether Union Government propose to make available any compensatory assistance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) The gross collections in small savings schemes in Post Offices during 1987-88 (Provisional) are Rs. 9351 crores as against Rs. 8002 crores during 1986-87 (Provisional). Thus, there is no decline in small savings collections. The aggregate loans given to State Governments in 1987-88 were Rs. 3097 crores compared to Rs. 2800 crores in 1986-87. So far as Maharashtra is concerned, the position is as follows:—

(Rupees in crores)

	Annual Plan assumption	Loans released
1986-87	572	572
1987-88	400	573

Review of SEEUY Scheme

*989. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commissioner, Lucknow Division (Uttar Pradesh) had organised a meeting of the Divisional Co-ordinating Committee of the Bankers sometime before mainly in order to review the progress under Self-Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) Scheme;

(b) if so, the outcome of the review;