

improved and effective implementation and monitoring arrangements it is expected that the 20-Point Programme - 1986 would be more result oriented.

(e) The Programme is being implemented mainly by State Governments and Union Territory Administrations and they have been advised to strengthen the implementation and monitoring machinery for effective implementation the Programme.

#### Opening of Gramin Bank Branch in Bihar

\*853. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to open Gramin Bank branch at Derni in Bihar has been finalised; and

(b) if so, when the proposed branch is likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (b). Under the branch expansion policy for the Seventh Plan period, the allotment of centres in rural and semi-urban areas to various banks, including the Regional Rural Banks, is to be made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the basis of lists of identified centres sent to it by the State Governments. The RBI has reported that it has received lists of identified centres in respect of sixteen districts of Bihar and the centre Derni does not figure in the lists received so far.

#### Excise Relief to Small Rubber Units

\*855. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant excise duty relief to camel back and tread-rubber to protect the small units

engaged in retreading and other ancillary units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Government have received certain representations requesting for reduction in excise duty on tread rubber, camel back and other similar retreading materials manufactured by small-scale units. The decision on these requests will be announced in due course.

#### External Commercial Borrowings

\*857. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of funds to be raised externally through commercial borrowings by Government during the Seventh Plan;

(b) whether Government propose to review expenditure in hard currency on some of the projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any savings on Government expenditure are also proposed to keep our borrowings to the minimum for foundation development work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The Seventh Plan provides for a total inflow, at 1984-85 prices, of Rs. 20,900 crores over the Plan Period, by way of net aid and other borrowings. There is no fixed target for commercial borrowings separately. The extent of commercial borrowings would depend upon the flow of aid, requirements of foreign exchange for different projects and international market conditions. All projects are appraised and evaluated in terms of expenditure in local currency as well as in foreign currencies and they are