

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Gujarat

*778. SHRI VAKARIA:

SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new branches of nationalised banks are to be opened in Gujarat State during the current year in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the number of such branches and the names of the places where they are to be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank has reported that as at the end of December, 1974, the public sector banks, including the 14 nationalised banks, had on hand licences/allotments relating to 20 rural centres as hereunder:—

District	Centre
1. Ahmedabad	Detroj
2. Baroda	Chickhodra Jawaharnagar
3. Bhavanagar	Ning-Gala
4. Broach	Sagbara Kavi
5. Gandhinagar	Dhola Rana Vasana (Satelite Office)
6. Kaira	Mogar Alindra Vadod
7. Kutch]	Sukpur-Roha
8. Mehsana	Jaska
9. Panch Mahals	Diwada Colony Piplod
10. Sabarkantha	Dobhada
11. Surat	Kapletha } (Satelite Lajpore } Offices)
12. Surendra Nagar	Kondh Sudamdu

Reserve Bank has also reported that in addition to the above, 35 applications from public sector banks for opening of branches at rural centres in Gujarat during the year 1975 are under its consideration.

Development of 'A' Class Tourist Resorts

*781. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI:
THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of 'A' class tourist resorts in the country, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for their development during the Fifth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION: (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). Places of tourist interest in the country have not been classified, nor are tourism schemes in the Central Sector taken up on State-wise basis. The selection of places for tourism development in the Central Sector depends upon the availability of resources and inter-se priorities which are determined by the actual or potential attractions of a place for tourists, its accessibility, its scenic, historical and archaeological significance, availability of basic tourism infrastructure and the present flow of tourist traffic.

The Department of Tourism has taken up the development of Gulmarg as a summer and winter resort, Kovalam and Goa as beach resorts, and of Kulu and Manali area. The development of these places will continue in the Fifth Plan for which purpose an amount of Rs. 6.35 crores has been provided in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan. In addition an amount of Rs. 1.65 crores has also been provided in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan for undertaking surveys for selecting new places, resort development, feasibility studies and for providing facilities at places selected.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Rural Areas

*783. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

SHRI S. R. DAMANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government not to open new branches of nationalised banks in rural areas; and