

July 19, 1969, and the growth of their deposits during the one year preceding nationalisation and the year following nationalisation, are indicated below :

	Between 19-7-1968 and 18-7-1969	Between 18-7-1969 and 17-7-1970
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) New offices opened by the 14 nationalised banks.	701	1248*
(2) Increase in deposits of the 14 banks (including inter- bank deposits).	401.6 crores	372.9 crores
In percentage	(18.1%)	(14.2%)

(*Offices opened between 18-7-1969 and end-July, 1970).

After an initial set-back for a few months immediately following nationalisation, the rate of growth of deposits improved appreciably in 1970. During the financial year 1970-71, upto March 5, 1971, the latest date for which deposit figures are available, deposits of the 14 nationalised banks have increased by Rs. 471 crores or by 16.7% which works out to an annual growth of Rs. 500 crores or 17.7 per cent.

New Proposals to Promote Tourism in the Country

*98. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new proposals are being considered by Government to promote tourism in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The proposals for promotion of tourism during the Fourth Plan period comprise a vigorous sales oriented marketing approach overseas, improved facilitation procedures and strengthening of the tourism infrastructure within the country.

Medium of Instruction in Universities

*101. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and the names of Universities where the medium of instruction is English ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to use regional language as the medium of instruction ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SID-DHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) A statement showing the number and names of Universities (including institutions deemed to be universities) where English is the permissible medium of instruction is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-98/71.]

(b) Yes, Sir

Alleged Involvement of the Son of Muslim League Leader of Kerala in Smuggling

*103. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the son of a Muslim League leader of Kerala was charged by the Customs Department with smuggling ;

(b) if so, the details of the case and the report of the Customs Department in this regard ;

(c) the nature of punishment given to the person or persons charged with smuggling ; and

(d) the action, if any, being contemplated in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (d). Sayed Mohamad Bafaky Thangal, son of the