

shyam Bajoria (connected with Hooghly Jute Mills Limited) or the concerns in which he is interested:—

- (i) 76, Garden Reach Road, Calcutta.
- (ii) 9, Garden Reach Road, Calcutta.
- (iii) 10, Clive Row, Calcutta.
- (iv) 49, M. M. Burman Street, Calcutta.

The value of jewellery seized from these premises and from a locker in Calcutta Safe Deposit Vault standing in the name of Shri Radheshyam Bajoria is estimated at Rs. 22 lakhs. Books of account and documents have also been seized. Certain jute stock found at 9, Garden Reach Road is being valued.

#### Trade talks with Democratic Republic of Korea

1864. SHRI B. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations were held to finalise a trade protocol for 1976 between India and the Democratic Republic of Korea; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Trade Protocol which was signed on 20th March, 1976 envisages a total trade turnover of Rs. 30 crores between India and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during 1976. Under the Protocol, the Democratic people's Republic of Korea is to supply to India urea, zinc, mild steel plates, various kinds of refractories and for the first time lead also. D.P.R.K is to import from India cotton textiles, jute bags, finished leather, manganese ore, mica and mica products, steel billets, engineering goods like bearings, wire ropes, etc. and various chemicals.

#### Branch of R.B.I. in Kerala

1865. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA:  
SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no full-fledged branch of the R.B.I. in Kerala; and

(b) the steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India has reported that at present it has a branch office of the Department of Banking Operations and Development and Agricultural Credit Department and a cell each of Industrial Finance Department and Exchange Control Department in Kerala State. As regards opening of branches of its other Departments, the Reserve Bank has informed that these will be opened as and when the need for them arises.

#### Purchase of Airbus by Indian Airlines

1866. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines signed an agreement with French and West German Banks for Rs. 78 crores which would partly finance the purchase of three Airbus aircraft and their spares the total of which was likely to be Rs. 94 crores;

(b) whether Airbus can carry 278 passengers and substantial cargo and will begin to operate by this year end;

(c) whether it is proposed to be operated on density route of which Calcutta—Delhi is one; and

(d) whether for its landing and take-off the runway of the size of Varanasi Airport is sufficient?