

Bank	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Indian Bank	855	1215	1609
Indian Overseas Bank	425	456	411

(b) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks, and also in term of the practice and usage prevalent among the bankers, the matter relating to individual constituents of a bank are not disclosed.

#### Compulsory Service in Army

4876. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined a proposal to make it compulsory for every citizen of the country to serve in Army for a period of three to five years as is practiced in U.S.A. and some other countries;

(b) if so, the possible benefits to the country due to this decision; and

(c) the date by which this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Recruitment into the Armed Forces in India is open to all citizens. As the response to enrolment is over-whelming, on need has been felt to enforce compulsory military service in India.

#### Spice Trading Corporation Ltd.

4877. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHARS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spices Trading Corporation Limited extends assistance to spice growers particularly in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and also earns foreign exchange;

(b) If so, whether the Government propose to close down this Corporation;

(c) if so, the reason thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to revitalise the Spices Trading Corporation Limited?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMANKHURSHEED): (a) The objectives of the Spices Trading Corporation Ltd. *inter alia*, include:-

- (i) to carry on domestic and international trade in spices and its products; and
- (ii) to support, project, maintain, increase and promote the production of its products as also sale and exports.

(b) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The performance of the Spices Trading Corporation Limited is reviewed by the Government from time to time and such