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### Chief Flying Instructor

4561. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flying schools in the country are facing an acute shortage of chief flying instructors (CFIs);

(b) if so, the reasons there or;

(c) the details of the flying training clubs functioning in the country;

(d) whether these clubs are likely to provide adequate training to flying students; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following liberalisation in the air transport sector and emergence of private airlines/operators, Chief Flying Instructors (CFIs) get attracted to join to private airlines/operators because of better career prospects offered by them. Consequently, a number of experienced Flight Instructors left the Flying Clubs to join them, resulting in shortage of CFIs in some Flying Clubs.

(c) There are 36 Flying Clubs/Institutions/Schools in India out of which 4 are privately owned.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Do not arise.

### Public Sector Banks in Gujarat

4562. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of public sector banks working at present in tribals and backward areas of Gujarat alongwith their locations;

(b) the number of branches out of them running in loss for the last two years as well as current financial year and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to close down the branches which are running in loss; and

(d) if not, the action being taken by the Government to make them profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they do not maintain information relating to branches of public sector banks functioning in tribal and backward centres in Gujarat and also the number of such branches

running in losses. However, District-wise number of branches of public sector banks in Gujarat as at the end of December, 1994 is given below :

District	Branches	District	Branches
Ahmedabad	500	Kheda	293
Amreli	77	Mehsana	160
Banaskantha	70	Panch Mahal	94
Bharuch	105	Rajkot	216
Bhavnagar	146	Sabarkantha	91
Dangs	5	Surat	253
Gandhinagar	45	Surendranagar	69
Jamnagar	96	Vadodara	292
Junagarh	155	Valsad	190
Kachahh	122		

(c) RBI have reported that in terms of their extent policy with regard to closure of Bank branches in the country including in Gujarat, bank's proposals for closing of loss making branches located at well-banked urban/metropolitan centres are considered by them on merits by two commercial banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) the decision for closure of one of the branches may be taken by the concerned banks by mutual consultation.

(d) A major factor contributing to the loss in banks is the high level of non-performing assets. RBI has, therefore, impressed upon the banks the need to strengthen their credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances.

### Nature Tourism

4563. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have identified some places in Gujarat and other States to promote nature tourism;

(b) if so, the places identified for the same State-wise; and

(c) the special funds allocated to each State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b). Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. Identification of areas where nature tourism can be promoted is done by the State Governments.

(c) Government of India provides financial assistance for activities such as mountaineering, trekking, camping, water sports, mountain biking, aero sports etc. depending on the specific and complete proposal received from the State Governments.