

	1	2	3
4. Akola Gramin Bank		Akola	39 (39)
5. Ratnagiri Sindhudurg Gramin Bank		Ratnagiri	22
		Sindhudurg	10 (32)
6. Solapur Gramin Bank		Solapur	30 (30)
7. Bhandara Gramin Bank		Bhandra	40 (40)
8. Yavatmal Gramin Bank		Yavatmal	12 (12)
9. Buldhana Gramin Bank		Buldhana	1 (1)
10. Thane Gramin Bank		Thane	1 (1)

Note: Figure in bracket indicate the total number of branches.

**Proposals from NRIs on rural Projects**

531. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI  
LAKSHMI:  
DR T. KALPANA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called upon the non-resident Indians to take up rural projects in the selected areas of the country in a big way for speeding up the growth of agriculture;

(b) whether any proposal from the NRIs have since been received in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) further steps Government propose to take to encourage NRIs investment in the field of Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) No, sir.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) NRI Investment in land-based activities such as real estate agriculture and plantation, is not permitted at present.

**Excise Duty due from Cigarettee Manufacturers**

532. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty from cigarette manufacturing companies as on 31st March, 1987;

(b) since how long these are due and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c). Information