

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मगन-भाई वारोट) : (क) तथा (ख). भारतीय स्टेट बैंक के स्थानीय प्रधान कार्यालय, कानपुर से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, उसकी सभी शाखाओं में बैंक बुकें उपलब्ध हैं। इतना ही नहीं, बांदा शाखा के मामले में, बचत/चालू, दोनों प्रकार के खाते खोले जा रहे हैं/खोले जा रहे हैं तथा बैंक बुकें जारी की जा रही हैं। कुछ मामलों में चालू खातों की बैंक-बुकें, प्राप्त होने में देरी के कारण, जारी नहीं की जा सकी थी लेकिन इस बीच में वे प्राप्त हो चुकी हैं तथा जारी कर दी गई हैं ?

Cyclone warning radars at Madras and Calcutta

1693. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans drawn up to provide Cyclone Warning Radars at Madras and Calcutta with additional equipment for digitising data;

(b) whether this facility is to be provided to the remaining Cyclone Warning Radars also;

(c) whether video taping and play-back facilities are also being provided; and

(d) the cost structure and the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) High Power Cyclone Warning Radar with additional digital system has already been provided to the cyclone warning radar at Madras. The digital system at Calcutta is expected to be operational during 1981-82 ;

(b) The digital system is likely to be provided to cyclone warning radar at Machilipatnam also. At present the Government have no plans to provide this facility at the other cyclone warning radars at Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Karaikal, Goa and Bombay.

(c) Video taping and play-back facilities are not separate or additional facilities, but form a part of the digitising equipment of the digital system.

(d) The cost of one digital system is Rs. 21 lakhs with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 12 lakhs.

Compensatory allowance to Central Government employees working in Ladakh

1694. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ladakh compensatory allowance of Central Government employees working in Ladakh has been reduced from 35 per cent to 25 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the employees of J. and K. State Government serving in Ladakh get @50 per cent to 75 per cent C.A. during summer and 75 per cent to 100 per cent C.A. during winter without any ceiling;

(c) whether it is also a fact that costs of essential commodities are 100 per cent to 400 per cent more in Ladakh as compared with those of Srinagar city—the supply base for Ladakh; and

(d) if replies to parts (a), (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, whether Government propose considering to bring the rate of C.A. of Central Government Employees serving in Ladakh at par with that of State Government employees serving in Ladakh who, are also getting D.A. at Central Government's scales, and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA) : (a) to (d). Revised orders regarding grant of Special Compensatory Allowance to Central Government employees in Jammu & Kashmir were issued on 5-9-79. The necessity for this arose, as the State Government changed criterion for the grant of the allowance of its employees in certain areas. Initially, the State Government was allowing Special Compensatory Allowance at lower or higher rates depending upon whether the areas were connected or not connected by motorable roads. Subsequently, it decided to give the allowance at specific rates for specific areas, irrespective of whether the areas were connected by motorable roads or not. A similar change was made in the orders applicable to Central Government employees. This did not result in any reduction in the rates of Special Compensatory Allowance earlier admissible to the Central Government employees either in Ladakh or elsewhere in Jammu & Kashmir. In fact, in the Zaskar area of Ladakh, the rates were improved from 35% to 45%. Very recently, on receipt of certain representations from Central Government employees, the rates of Special Compensatory Allowance at Leh and surrounding areas have been improved from 25% to 35% of pay during winter months (October to March).