

### Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes

2096. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grant-in-aid allocated to the Bombay State for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes during 1958-59; and

(b) whether any intensive multi-purpose project is being started in Bombay during the same period?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 90.]

(b) No, Sir. The seven multipurpose projects started earlier will be continued during this year also.

### State Bank of India

2097. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches, pay and sub-offices of the State Bank of India that have been opened in the Andhra Pradesh upto 31st July, 1958; and

(b) the places where branches are proposed to be opened during 1958-59?

**The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):** (a) Since its inception on 1-7-1955, the State Bank of India has opened 18 branches and 14 pay offices (sub-offices) in the Andhra Pradesh upto the 31st July, 1958.

(b) It is not possible to state in advance the names of the places where branches of the State Bank of India will actually be opened during a particular year. Efforts will be made, however, to open branches at the selected centres as early as possible.

### Post Office for Laccadive Islands

2098. **Shri Nallakoya:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to open Post Offices and a Wireless Station in the Laccadive Islands; and

(b) if so, at what stage these proposals are at present?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seasonal extra departmental branch Post Offices are proposed to be opened shortly in the seven Islands—Minicoy, Agathy, Amini, Kiltan, Kavarthi, Androth and Kalpeni.

Proposals and estimates for installation of Wireless Stations at the places selected for the purposes are being worked out.

### Tribal and Scheduled Castes Students

2099. **Shri Onkar Lal:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Technical Training Institutes for tribal students in Rajasthan have been set up with the Central assistance;

(b) if so, their number; and

(c) whether Government have extended any such facilities to Scheduled Castes students also?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) and (b). No Technical Training Institute has been opened in Rajasthan for tribal students. However provision has been made in the Second Five Year Plan for the opening of training-centres and training-cum-production centres to train the tribals in cottage industries like tailoring, carpentry, shoe-making, leather-tanning etc. One such centre was opened in 1956-57 and another was sanctioned during 1957-58.

(c) Similar facilities have been extended to Scheduled Castes also.