

It would be seen from the above figures that during 1980-81 the targets were more than achieved, and during 1981-82 actual exports are likely to exceed the target.

(d) For encouraging export of woollen goods, the following measures have been adopted for the current year:

(i) Import of some essential items of machinery under Open General Licensing scheme;

(ii) Import of essential raw material and components required for manufacture of export products under REP scheme as well as under the Advance Licensing scheme;

(iii) Suitable cash compensatory support is also provided on export of woollen goods.

In addition to these, Market Orientation tours, Buyer-Seller meets, participation in International Fairs/Exhibitions etc. are organised to promote the exports of our woollen goods in world markets.

Setting up of New Branches by Bank of Maharashtra at International Financial Centres

5542. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of Maharashtra has applied for permission to open branches in some International financial centres;

(b) if so, the names of the International financial centres where the new branches are proposed to be set up by the Bank of Maharashtra;

(c) whether the above proposal is under the consideration of the Reserve Bank and Government; and

(d) the expected time of giving permission to the Bank of Maharashtra for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d). Bank of Maharashtra had sought permission to open offices in U.K., U.S.A.

and Singapore. The proposals have not been agreed to for the present by the Reserve Bank of India.

Performance of HAL

5543. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, at any time, made a critical appraisal of the performance of HAL to know the extent to which it has been able to fulfil the objectives for which it was set up; and

(b) if so, details thereof stating the shortcomings if any and the steps taken by Government to remove these shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A Committee was set up by Government in September 1975 to enquire into the working of Hindustan Aeronautics.

(b) The Committee in its report submitted in November 1976 made several recommendations covering, inter alia, the following main areas:

—Planning and target setting

—Production planning & control systems

—Organisational structure

—Design and development organisation

Personnel policies

—Productivity, and

—Materials management.

Most of the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented. The performance of HAL is also regularly reviewed by Government.

Imparting of Training of SCs/STs for Clerical Jobs by Bank of India

5544. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bank of India has started a novel course to pro-