

Information has also been received from Government of Gujarat to the effect that the plant of Atul Drugs House for manufacture of Formaldehyde is closed because it is uneconomic as stated orally by the party, but evidently because there is no licensed capacity, original capacity having been transferred to Vapi District Bulsar and that about eighty percent workers took part in the 'dharna'. The Assistant Labour Commissioner, Bhavnagar, intervened and 'dharna' was discontinued ten days ago. President of Labour Union has reportedly submitted petition to Union Minister for Labour through Shri A K Gopalan to take over control of the plant. Plant cannot be restarted till capacity under I (D & R) Act, 1951 is granted for which application has been submitted.

Branches of Nationalised Banks in Chittoor District (Andhra Pradesh)

3521 SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY Will the Minister of

FINANCE be please to state

(a) whether Branches have been opened by the Nationalised Banks in all the places in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh as suggested by the "Lead Bank", and

(b) if not, the time by which the opening of these Branches will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K R GANFISH) (a) and (b) Indian Bank which is the lead bank for Chittoor District (Andhra Pradesh) has during the survey of the district identified 24 Growth Centres (15 unbanked and 9 banked), for establishment of bank offices. The centres were allotted to 9 Commercial Banks at the District level conference convened by the Indian Bank on the 9th January 1971 at Chittoor. Offices at 5 of these centres have been opened as under

<i>Name of Bank</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>	<i>Date of opening</i>
Bank of India	Puttur	29 9 1971
Union Bank of India	Venkatagirikota	21 1 1972
Indian Bank	Mulakalacharuvu	27 12 1971
Andhra Bank Ltd	Sikalahasti	27 12 1971
Vysya Bank Ltd	Punganur	1 11 1971

Licences have been issued to Commercial Banks for opening offices at 9 more centres as shown below and offices at these centres are expected to be opened before the end of 1972

<i>Name of Bank</i>	<i>Name of Centre</i>	<i>Banked or Unbanked</i>
Central Bank of India	1 Pakala	Banked
	2 Kallur	Unbanked
	3 Kurabalakota	Unbanked
United Commercial Bank	1 Arangonda	Unbanked
	2 Irala	Unbanked

	3. Nagalapuram	Unbanked
Indian Bank	1. B. Kothakota	Unbanked
	2. Madanappalle	Banked
	3. Voyalpad	Banked

The question of opening offices at the remaining centres identified by the Indian Bank is under consideration of the allottee banks.

Progress made in the construction of Civil Airport at Tirupathi (Andhra Pradesh)

3522. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the construction of civil airport at Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) the services proposed to be operated by the Indian Airlines touching this airport ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) The construction of the aerodroms at Tirupathi is expected to be completed this year.

(b) Indian Airlines proposes to connect Tirupathi with Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore during the current year. The proposed services are :

- (i) Bangalore—Tirupathi—Bangalore
- (ii) Madras—Tirupathi—Hyderabad and back.

Mysterious Gas in Gujarat

3523. SHRI K. KODANA RAMI REDDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any 'mysterious gas' has recently been discovered by geological experts in Ranjitpur Village in Gujarat; and

(b) the findings of Oil and Natural Gas Commission regarding its nature and quality ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE):

(a) A gas occurrence was discovered near Ranjitpur Village by officers of Geological Survey of India.

(b) Samples of it, as tested in ONGC Laboratories, showed that the gas is composed mainly of Nitrogen with very little of Oxyegen and Carbon dioxide in it. No hydrocarbon gases are present. The quantity of the gas has not been estimated.

**गया (बिहार) को पर्यटकों के लिए
घाबर्बक बनाने के लिए उसके
विकास की योजना**

3524. श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को विदित है कि गया (बिहार) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्थिति का तीर्थस्थान है;

(ख) क्या प्रत्येक वर्ष देश तथा विदेशों के लाखों पर्यटक इस स्थान को देखने आते हैं;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस स्थान को घाबर्बक स्थान के रूप में विकसित करने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है जिससे यह स्थान