

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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BRANCHES OF REGIONAL RURAL BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new branches of Regional Rural Banks during 1999-2000 in different States, particularly in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATH) :

(a) and (b) Government have not imposed any restriction on Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) setting up more branches. Licences for opening of new bank branches are granted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) based on merits of each case specially looking into the financial viability of such branches, the service area approach to rural lending and the existing branch network in the area.