

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2503
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000
ZONAL OFFICE OF SBI
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is only one Zonal Office of State Bank of India for the entire Vidarbha Region causing considerable inconvenience to the people of Western Vidarbha;
- (b) if so, the action taken to establish new Zonal Office and a Regional Office of SBI at Divisional Headquarter of State Bank of India in Amraoti in Western Vidarbha;
- (c) the details of representations received in this regard: and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for establishment of Zonal Office and a Regional Office at Amraoti?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by State Bank of India (SBI) there is only one Zonal Office of State Bank of India (SBI) for Vidarbha region located centrally at Nagpur. The banking requirements of Amraoti District are catered to by 36 branches of the bank. One senior officer of the bank has exclusive responsibility for Amraoti District.
- (b) to (d) There is no proposal to open a Zonal Office or Regional office at Amraoti District. The bank had received a representation from the Amraoti Chamber of Commerce and Industries in January, 1996. The matter was examined by SBI and the request was not acceded to for the reason that the present network of branches and the administrative set up at Nagpur was considered adequate to meet all the banking needs in the area. This decision was communicated to the Amraoti Chamber of Commerce and Industries.