

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS MAKING BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Bank and UCO Bank have incurred heavy losses during 1999-2000 as compared to the previous two consecutive years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor,
- (c) whether it is a fact that the profit of the most of the nationalised banks has been decreasing during the past few years:
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government have issued any guidelines to the banks to involve the staff in developmental efforts of the banks; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that UCO Bank had earned operating profit during the last three financial years. RBI has further reported that Indian Bank had earned operating profit in the year 1999-2000 and suffered operating losses during the two previous years due to high level of non performing assets (NPAs) and higher operating costs.
- (c) and (d) No Sir. RBI has reported that the operating profits of Public Sector Banks have, in fact, increased from Rs. 3135.42 crore in 1992-93 to Rs. 13066.36 crores in 1999-2000.
- (e) and (f) While the Government and RBI have not issued any such specific guidelines, the banks employees are required to discharge their duties diligently to ensure proper functioning of the banks, and are always involved in all aspects of the working of the banks.