

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2394
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SBI BRANCHES IN MANIPUR
Charenamei Shri Mani

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of State Bank of India branches in Manipur, district-wise;
- (b) whether SBT Tamei Branch has been closed down since early eighties and being attached to some other branch;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Ukhrul district in Manipur State with a population of 1,43,000 as per 2001 census has only one bank branch for every 10,000 population;
- (e) whether RBI had issued licence to SBI to open a branch in Ukhrul district 10 years back but till date SBI has not acted upon it;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number of bank branches in Manipur in general and the hill districts of Manipur in particular ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE .MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIS.S.PALANIMANICKAM) _

(a): The details of the district-wise branches of Stats Bank of India, in Manipur, as reported by the Bank, as on date are as under:

S.No. Name of District No .of branches

1	Imphal West	5
2.	Senapati	5
3.	Chandel	3
4	Churachandpur	2
5	Ta mentiong	1

Total 16

(b) & (c): Yes: Sir. The Branch located at Tamei was closed on 1st October 1982 as the extremists looted it on 30th September 1982. It could not be reopened as adequate security of the branch to facilitate its reopening have not been ensured despite serious efforts. However, branch records and documents were shifted to Imphal branch where a counter was opened to cater to the needs of the clients of Tamei Branch.

(d): RBI has reported that in Ukhrul District one branch each of United Bank of India, and Manipur State Cooperative bank, and three of Man: our Rural Bank are functioning.

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. The Branch could not be opened at Chingai in Ukhrul District due to lack of infrastructure facilities and the licence was returned to RBI on 30-10-1992.

(g): As per the extant policy, the banks are empowered to open their new branches with the approval of their respective Board of Directors. SBI has reported that at the request of State Government of Manipur, it has decided to open a branch at Thoubal subject to issue of authorization by Reserve Bank of India.