

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2418  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2004  
F BRANCHES OF UNITED BANK OF INDIA  
Charenamei Shri Mani

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether United Bank of India in Manipur State, has closed down five branches of the bank in the State of Manipur and has shifted its regional office from Imphal, Manipur to Silchar in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of bank branches in Manipur as also to improve the functioning of banking sector in Manipur?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIS.S.PALAN1MANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. United Bank of India has reported that it closed down 5 of its branches in the State of Manipur, under the scheme of Reconstruction Plan of Weak Banks which was approved by the RBI and Government and also shifted its regional office from Manipur to Silchar because of fewer number of branches in Manipur. However, a coordinating office is functioning for the branches in the State of Manipur.

(c) As per the extant policy the Board of Directors of banks can decide on the policy and strategy for setting new branches. It is left to their discretion to identify the locality/centre for opening new branches taking into account annual business plan, growth/potential for business at the new centres, etc.