

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number and names of nationalised banks functioning in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the number and names of nationalised banks where evening banking facility is available in above States;
- (c) whether the Government propose to start evening banking facility in some more branches of its present nationalised banks to facilitate the industrial workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of new branches opened by each nationalised bank during the year 2003-2004 ?

Answer

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

- (a): As on 31.3.2004, there were 3836 and 4037 branches of 19 nationalised banks functioning in the States of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.
- (b), (c) & (d): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not prescribed any norm for fixing banking hours of bank branches. This is decided by the banks themselves. It has, therefore, informed that no data/information about evening banking facility is available with them.
- (e) RBI has reported that 301 new branches were opened in the country by all the nationalised banks during the year 2003-04.