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Title: Regarding need to open a branch of State Bank of India at Havelock Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS): The People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have demanded for opening of a new branch of State Bank of India at Havelock Islands which is 2.5 kms water route to Port Blair. Though business potential of this area is too low as per the Bank's Survey Report, I am sure once a branch is opened, the people of this area would definitely be benefited and the business trend will automatically increase upward.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to initiate steps for opening a branch of State Bank of India with commercially viable proposition to be chalked out in consultation with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in view of the people living in far flung Islands.