

the nationalised banks from the migrants for transfer of their bank accounts from the Valley;

(c) the number of accounts which have actually been transferred and are so operating; and

(d) whether any monitoring is being done Centrally to eliminate delays in such transfer of accounts?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) With a view to enable the Kashmir migrants to operate their accounts, Reserve Bank of India have issued instructions to banks to make expeditious arrangements for transfer of bank accounts/funds maintained with their branches in the Kashmir Valley to other branches outside the Valley, if so desired by the customers.

Public sector banks received 4512 (approximately) applications till 30th June, 1990 from the Kashmiri migrants for transfer of their accounts from the Valley. 4097 (approximately) accounts have been transferred upto 30th June, 1990 and are in operation.

Regional/Zonal Offices of banks at Delhi, Chandigarh, Jammu and Srinagar are monitoring the process of transfer of accounts in order to eliminate any delay in effecting such transfers. Jammu Office of the Reserve Bank of India is also assisting banks in sorting out any difficulties in the matter.

[Translation]

Import of Edible Oil and Cement

*138. **SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oil and cement imported from January, 1990 to 30 June, 1990 and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon; and

(b) whether Government propose to import more quantity of edible oil during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) (i) *Edible Oil:* A quantity of 2,15,570 tonnes of Palmolein at a total CIF Value of Rs. 112.10 crores has been imported by the State Trading Corporation during the period 1st January, 1990 till 30th June, 1990.

(ii) *Cement:* A quantity of 904 tonnes of Cement for a value of Rs. 19.29 lakhs has been imported during January, '90—May, '90. Data for Cement are available upto May, '90.

(b) *Edible Oil:* Further imports of edible oils during 1990-91 will largely depend on the production of edible oilseeds in the ensuing kharif season. The other factors to be considered in deciding import of edible oils will be prices of indigenous oils, availability of foreign exchange and prices of edible oil in the international market. As such it is not possible to indicate the extent of further imports of edible oils for 1990-91.

A.I.R. Centre in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh

*139. **SHRI AMRATLAL VALLABHDAS TARWALA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether A.I.R. Centre in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in its commissioning; and

(c) the time by which regular broadcasting is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposed radio station at Khandwa is expected to be commissioned shortly.