

(SBI) has reported that it does not have any scheme exclusively for the rehabilitation of Ex Servicemen or Handicapped persons. However, such persons are eligible for finance under its various schemes for some specific activities apart from other activities. The physically handicapped persons are eligibly for loans for the specific activities like agency for selling newspapers, lottery tickets, pan-bidi, vegetable/fruit stall, grocery shops, tea stalls, tailoring shops, canning of chairs, small ventures for manufacturing handicrafts items, conducting musical classes, running of tele-phone booths, etc.. The specific activities for which loans can be made available to the Ex-Defence personnel are running of petrol pumps, Gas agencies, transport vehicles, marginal automobile garages, radio cum electrical appliances servicing units, fair price shops, netting up of small business finance and small scale industries units etc., SBI has also reported that its schemes are open to

all sections of the society and widows, blind persons, socially backward persons and residents of border areas.

Target for computerisation of banks

2557. SHRI TARA CHARAN

MAJUMDAR:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks fully computerised in the country, State wise and bank-wise at present;

(b) what is the number of branches to be computerised during the next two year i.e. 1993-94 and 1994-95 or by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) At present public sector banks have taken up 29 branches for total computerisation. State-wise and bank-wise details are given below:—

Name of the Public Sector Bank	of the State/U.T.	No. of branches
1. State Bank of India	Maharashtra	4
2. Allahabad Bank	-do-	1
3. Bank of India	-do-	1
4. Bank of Maharashtra	-do-	1
5. Central Bank of India	-do-	1
6. Bank of Baroda	-do-	1
7. Corporation Bank	-do-	2
8. Dena Bank	-do-	1
9. Union Bank of India	-do-	1
10. United Bank of India	-do-	1

1	2	3
11. Canara Bank	Delhi	1
12. Vijaya Bank	-do-	
13. State Bank of India	-do-	1
14. State Bank of Hyderabad	-do-	1
15. Oriental Bank of Commerce	-do-	1
16. Punjab National Bank	-do-	1
17. State Bank of Indore	Andhra Pradesh	1
18. UCO Bank	West Bengal	1
19. State Bank of India	Gujarat	1
20. State Bank of Saurashtra	-do-	1
21. Indian Bank	Tamil Nadu	1
22. State Bank of Mysore	Karnataka	1
23. Corporation Bank	-do-	1
24. Andhra Bank	Andhra Pradesh	1
25. State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	Rajasthan	1

(b) The Rangarajan Committee Report on Computerisation in Banks (198) had recommended total computerisation of 2000-2500 branches all over the country by the end of the year 1994. Due to the absence of appropriate agreements with their employees associations, however, banks have not been able to fully implement this recommendation.

Public sector banks have prepared plans for total computerisation of about 400 branches during the next two/three years. However, the implementation of these plans are subject to negotiations between the Indian Banks Association and the employees associations.

(c) It is difficult to indicate exact figures at this stage. However, based on the information received by RBI from public sector banks who have

already undertaken total branch computerisation on a pilot basis, the average cost of computerisation of a single bank branch works out to Rs. 50—60 lakhs depending upon the size and level of automation sought to be achieved for such branch.

RBI decisions for encouraging NRI Investments

2558. SHRI KRISHN LAL SHARMA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether with a view to further encourage NRI investment, the RBI has decided to allow, on application, existing or new companies engaged or proposing to engage in various activities;

(b) if so, what are the main areas of the activities of these companies.