

demand or 40% of the Kharif de-mand to be eligible for fresh borrowing from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) after 1st April or 40% of the total demand by end of June to be eligible to operate on the credit limit sanctioned from 1st July. NABARD has, however, relaxed the conditions upto 30th June 1990 for financing current kharif season. In order to ensure adequate flow of credit for ensuring 1990 kharif season, NABARD has given some relaxations in regard to sanction and operation of the credit limits sanctioned to State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) viz. (i) the seasonality discipline has been dispensed with ; (ii) maintenance of non-overdue cover during the year 1989-90 has been relaxed for drawals on the credit limit sanctioned to CCBs ; (iii) condoning defaults by SCBs in the repayment of loans ; (iv) the condition that the SCBs and CCBs would have to maintain 75% of the stipulated minimum involvement on a weekly basis would be waived ; and (v) sanction of additional limits would be considered. These relaxations would help the cooperative banks to meet the credit demand for 1990 kharif operations.

#### **Expansion of Bank Branches in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Plan period**

466. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for expansion of bank branches during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is the number of new branches of different nationalised commercial banks proposed to be set up during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and

(b) The previous Branch Licensing Policy (1985-90) came to an end on 31-3-1990. The new Branch Licensing Policy for Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised by Reserve Bank of India. 83 licences issued under the previous Branch Licensing Policy for the State of Andhra Pradesh, are pending for utilisation and the RBI has extended the validity period for these licences, upto September 30, 1990.

#### **Representation of financial institutions on the Boards of MRTTP companies**

467. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1990 and state;

(a) what are the details of the existing guidelines for the appointment of the nominees of financial institutions such as LIC, GIC, UTI, IDBI, IFCI, & ICICI on the Boards of the MRTTP companies; and

(b) whether there have been any instances of deviation from the laid down guidelines, if so, the details thereof stating the circumstances for such deviations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and

(b) As for existing guidelines financial institutions are expected to appoint nominee directors on the Boards of all MRTTP Companies assisted by them. As regards non MRTTP Companies, nominee directors are to be appointed on a selective basis where the unit is having problems which may affect its viability, institutional holding is more than 26% or where institutional stake by way of loans/investments exceeds Rs. 5 crores.

Institutions have reported no deviation from the guidelines, flow-ever, in circumstances like units

where institutional exposure was nominal or finance was under Equipment Finance Scheme of IFCI, nominee directors had not been appointed.

#### **Mettur Textile Mills, Tamil Nadu**

468. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Mettur Textiles Mills in Tamil Nadu has been sick; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to make it viable?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Mettur Textile Mills is lying closed since 16-7-85, and was classified as sick by Reserve Bank of India as at the end of June, 1986.

(b) The Nodal Agency found Mettur Textile Mills to be nonviable unless substantial interest free funds were inducted into it. The Government of Tamil Nadu is reportedly preparing a comprehensive scheme for the revival of the mill.

#### **State-wise progress in waiving of loans to farmers**

469. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise progress made in the waiving of loans to farmers and village artisans;

(b) what are the targets fixed for the current year; and

(c) what are the details of advices being given to the States in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The details of the Scheme for providing debt relief to various categories of persons are being formulated in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Boosting up of Tourism Industry**

470. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that if the current declining trend in tourism continues, the tourism industry which was expected to double its foreign exchange earnings during the Eighth Plan period would register a decline in the first year of the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to contain the declining trend and to boost up tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) There is no declining trend in the total foreign tourist traffic to the country.

(b) Does not arise.