

widow or a son or a daughter of a deceased employee of the bank or a near relative nominated by the widow on whom she will be wholly dependant provided such dependant fulfils the criteria for appointment laid down by the bank.

Local head office of State Bank of India at Bangalore

115. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a local Head Office of the State Bank of India at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay Scales of Officers of Nationalised Banks

116. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is disparity in the pay scales of Officers of the banks nationalised before 1980 and some of the banks nationalised during 1980;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action is contemplated by Government in removing the disparity and bringing them at par?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While the pay scales of officers of the 14 banks nationalised in 1969 and State Bank of India and its Associate Banks were revised and

standardised in 1979, the pay scales of officers of the 6 banks nationalised in April, 1980 continue to be on pre-nationalisation basis. However, the question of revision and standardisation in the case of 6 banks also is presently under active consideration of the Government.

Mangalore Airport

117. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 382 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1981 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the Mangalore Airport in order to convert the same as an all weather airport suitable for the operation of Boeings and Air Buses during monsoons also; and

(b) what is the progress in regard to the construction of a new parallel runway at Mangalore Airport; and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to construct a new runway suitable for all weather operation of Boeing 737 (not Airbus) at Mangalore. In the current plan due to paucity of funds it is only proposed to acquire land for the project.

Development of fisheries and Oceanographic research

118. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which have agreed to provide assistance for development of fisheries and oceanographic research in the country; and

(b) the terms and conditions of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHER-