

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) As on March 5, 1971, the latest date for which information is available, the advances of the 14 banks which were nationalised on July 19, 1969, were of the order of Rs. 2511 crores as against Rs. 1839 crores at the time of nationalisation. During the first year after nationalisation (between July 18, 1969 and July 17, 1970) the advances of the 14 banks increased by Rs. 416 crores or 22.6% as compared to Rs. 257 crores or 16.2% in the year immediately preceding nationalisation and Rs. 187 crores or 13.4% in the cor-

responding period of 1967-68.

(c) and (d) Data in respect of advances of the 14 banks to small farmers and artisans or to small scale sector' as such are not available. Information regarding the advances is not collected in this manner. However, the number of borrowal accounts and amounts outstanding under the heads 'Direct finance to farmers', 'Small-scale industry', 'Retail trade and small business' and 'Professional and self-employed persons (including artisans)' at the end of June 1969, and Nov. 1970 the latest date for which these figures are available, are indicated below. The proportions of advances of these banks under the heads mentioned to their total advances is indicated by the figures in brackets.

	End June, 1969		End November, 1970	
	No. of Accounts	Amount outstanding	No. of Accounts	Amount outstanding
		Rs. crores		Rs. crores
1. Direct Finance to farmers	1,34,849	26.96 (1.47)	4,88,376	123.05 (5.24)
2. Small-scale Industry	36,301	148.45 (8.10)	66,713	217.20 (9.25)
3. Retail trade and small business	28,037	19.22 (1.05)	1,05,433	49.95 (2.13)
4. Professional and self-employed persons	422	0.33 (0.02)	36,367	7.54 (0.32)

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION REFORM

*56A. SHRI S. KUMARAN :
SHRI KALYAN ROY :
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee on Examination Reforms set up by the Central Advisory Board for education has submitted its report ;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof ; and

(c) what decisions have been taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) do not arise. ✓

BOEING 737

*57. SHRI BIREN ROY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the circumstances under which one of the latest Boeing 737 aircraft was damaged last month ;

(b) the extent of damage and the amount spent on its repairs ; and