

(c) In view of the above reply, it is submitted that there was no intention of harassing the honest taxpayers. The grievances, if arisen to some taxpayers due to incorrect uploading of data were inadvertent and all field formations stand directed to dispose-off the applications for corrections on priority.

**SBI regional offices in Jammu and Kashmir**

\*447 SHRI G. N. RATANPURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Bank of India (SBI) had a zonal office in Srinagar in 1989 with three regional offices under it;

(b) whether the zonal office Headquarter was shifted to Jammu;

(c) if so, when the shifting was made and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the only regional office headquartered to Srinagar and looking after SBI operations in Kashmir valley has been bifurcated to carve out a 4<sup>th</sup> regional office in Jammu & Kashmir to look after the SBI branches in South Kashmir's four districts;

(e) whether this new regional office will be headquartered at Jammu; and

(f) if so, the reasons for not establishing the regional office in South Kashmir itself?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) State Bank of India has informed that it had a Zonal Office in Srinagar in the year 1989.

(b) & (c) Due to disturbances & worsening law and order situation, the Zonal Office was shifted to Jammu in 1992.

(d) SBI has informed that the Regional Business Office (RBO) located in Srinagar was supervising 53 branches, which had become unmanageable. Therefore, they have carved out a new Region comprising of 38 branches by taking out 12 branches from Jammu Division, 12 from Ladakh and 14 from Kashmir Valley.

(e) and (f) Since 24 of the 38 branches of the upcoming RBO-4 are already being controlled and supervised by RBO-3 at Jammu, RBO-4 has been stationed at Jammu.

**Toilet facilities in Bihar**

\*448 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of families without toilets in the country; and

(b) the number of families without toilets in Bihar?