

Fall in Profit of SBI

212. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India (SBI) has recently reported steep fall in its net profit for the year 2013-14;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the reasons for deteriorations of its Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in comparison to previous year; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to stress assets recovery branches so as to have better focus and outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) State Bank of India (SBI) registered a Net Profit of ₹ 10891.17 crores in FY 2013-14 against a Net Profit of ₹14014.98 crores in FY 2012-13.

(b) The fall in profit is mainly on account of provision of ₹1820 crore made for wage revision *w.e.f.* November, 2012 and one time provision of ₹2400 crore on account of change in mortality table used for actuarial calculation.

SBI has informed that the stress on the assets of Indian banking sector has continued unabated for some time due to various reasons, namely, Continued recessionary trends, Stalled/Delayed Infrastructure projects, Mining related issues, availability of coal, Stress in sectors like power, iron and steel, exports etc., Textile sector reeling under pressure due to a combination of factors like increase in prices of cotton, slow down / cancellation of exports, poor price realisation etc., Stress in Aviation Sector, Delay in realisation of receivables and Delays in resolution of NPAs through legal proceedings.

(c) With a view to recover long pending Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), SBI has set up the Stressed Assets Management Group (SAMG) which is headed by a Deputy Managing Director and supported by a team of 2 Chief General Managers, 6 General Managers and other senior officials. Stressed Asset Management Group has been set up as a dedicated and specialized vertical to efficiently resolve high value NPAs which are transferred to the Group by other Business Groups. SBI has formed various committees for review of stressed accounts at various hierarchy levels.

Countering Chinese strategies along India's borders

†213. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been mentioned in the annual report of the Ministry that China is increasing its military strength and developing basic infrastructure along the border areas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.