

Foreign Exchange Earnings and Expenditure by I.T.D.C.

861. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned and spent by India Tourism Development Corporation from 1986-87 to March, 1990;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the foreign exchange spending during the above period:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the trips undertaken by individuals/groups of executives of I.T.D.C. during the above period; and

(e) the achievements/benefits derived by the India Tourism Development Corporation out of these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The requisite information is given below:

Year	Foreign Exchange	
	Earned	Spent
	(Rupees in Crores)	
1	2	3
1986-87	18.92	6.58
1987-88	19.93	8.68
1988-89	21.85	10.36
1989-90 (Prov)	28.36	13.46

The foreign exchange earned does not include the foreign exchange received by the Travel Agents and paid to ITDC in Indian Currency.

(b) and (c). The increase in foreign exchange spending is mainly due to import of goods for sale at Duty Free Shops at International Airports against foreign currency.

(d) and (e). The foreign tours have been/are undertaken by ITDC executives in connection with foreign projects/ventures, holding Food Festivals of India abroad, participation in annual conventions of World

bodies (like World Tourism Organisation, Pacific Asia Travel Association, American Society of Travel Agents etc.). Though quantification of benefits from each individual foreign tour in terms of business generation is not feasible, these have helped ITDC in achieving increased profitability.

[Translation]

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862. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: