

nable to the difference prevailing in 1983 and varies between Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per kg. depending upon quality.

**Setting up of Tourist Centres in Konkan Region of Maharashtra**

3944. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of the Konkan region of Maharashtra, there are ideal sites with natural beauty for setting up tourist centres; and

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to give financial assistance to set up such tourist centres in the backward region of Konkan ?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Department of Tourism has requested the State Government to forward suitable project proposals under its approved schemes for financial assistance. However, no such proposal has so far been received from the Government of Maharashtra, for the development of tourist centres in Konkan region

**Introduction of 'Zero Budgeting'**

3945. PROF. MHDHU DANDAVATE : SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a move to introduce 'zero base budgeting' in Government from 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps and policies are being devised to ensure zero-budgeting from 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b).

The need for the Central Government Departments to adopt zero-base budgeting has been recognised in principle. This require identification and sharpening of objectives; examination of various alternatives of performing identified tasks, cost-benefit analyses, prioritisation of objectives and activities, identification and elimination of redundant activities and designing and ranking decision packages. Zero base budgeting has been introduced in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the coverage may later be extended to other scientific departments in due course with suitable modifications. It is proposed to commence zero base budgeting in the Central Government from 1986-87 to be effective from the Budget for 1987-88.

**Indo-Czech Trade**

3946. SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-Czech trade is likely to get a boost as a result of trade fair held in Delhi during November, 1985;

(b) if so, the main items which Czechoslovakia is interested to buy from India;

(c) whether some talk have been held for obtaining orders for Maruti cars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). India International Trade Fair held in New Delhi in November, 1985 would help in the growth of Indo-Czech trade. Czechoslovakia is presently importing a large range of goods from India which cover sectors like agriculture, minerals, leather and leather manufactures, textiles, chemicals, engineering etc.

(c) and (d). Czechoslovakia has shown interests in importing Maruti cars from India. The proposal is still at the negotiating stage between Maruti Udyog Ltd. and the concerned Polish Foreign Trade Organisation.