

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Shatjah	11,664	194	2,545	40
8.	Bangladesh	8,718	171	36	0.6
9.	Nepal	6,027	74	3,334	40
10.	USSR	—	—	25,811	579

(c) Yes, Sir. The country is producing about 25 to 26 lakhs Tonnes of Onions per annum and the exports are less than 3 lakh tonnes per annum.

**Retention of foreign exchange earning
by Indian Companies**

3885. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to allow Indian Companies to retain ten per cent of their foreign exchange earnings ; and

(b) if so, the number of Indian companies likely to be benefited as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI) : (a) and (b) A scheme to allow the trade to utilise 5% to 10% of their foreign exchange earnings for undertaking export promotion activities has been approved. The application of this Scheme is, however, according to the categories of products. The details of the Scheme are to be worked out in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

The scheme is intended to benefit the exporting community in their export promotional efforts.

**Development of International Tourist
Centre at Kovalam**

3886. PROF P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to develop further the International Tourist centre at Kovalam in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala have forwarded a proposal for provision of boats and other watersports equipments at Kovalam. The same is being examined by the Ministry of Tourism.

The Government of India has also permitted chartered flights to land at Trivandrum with a view to promote Kovalam Beach Resort.

**South Asian countries Meeting held in
Kathmandu on transportation links**

3887. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the seven South Asian countries was held in Kathmandu in October this year on transportation links between these countries ;

(b) the areas and links of transportation considered and decision taken thereon ; and

(c) the details of benefits to accrue therefrom specially for India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) The fourth meeting of the SAARC technical Committee on Transport was held in Kathmandu from October 6-8-1986. All SAARC member countries

participated.

(b) The meeting considered proposals for cooperation in land, air and sea transportation and prepared a Report which was submitted to the Standing Committee which met in Bangalore on Nov. 13, 1986.

(c) The proposals are at different stages of consideration and it is, therefore, difficult at this stage to specify the benefits, that would accrue to member countries, including Inida.

Industrial sickness in small scale units in Orissa

3888. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any information that the industrial sickness in small scale units in Orissa is causing concern to the State Bank of India which has sunk a considerable amount of money in these units ;

(b) if so, whether any survey regarding the sickness has been carried out by Government ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) : (a) to (c) The State Bank of India has reported that there were 3097 sick units in the small scale sector in its portfolio in the State of Orissa and the amount of loans given to these units amounted to Rs. 14.09 crores. The bank has completed studies on whether the units are viable or otherwise in respect of 2939 sick units while the remaining sick units are still under study.

Blue print for development of Kanyakumari as tourist centre

3889. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the details of the follow up work done by the Union and State Governments on the blue print prepared by the State and Union Governments for the development of Kanya-

kumari district in Tamil Nadu as a tourist centre ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI (MOHD. SYED) : The State Government have prepared a master plan for the integrated development of Kanyakumari with a total estimate of Rs. 16.00 crores. So far schemes costing Rs. 23.00 lakhs have been implemented, and schemes for Rs. 390 00 lakhs are under implementation and proposals estimated at Rs. 118.40 lakhs are under consideration.

The Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 13.36 lakhs for construction of 8 beach cottages at Kanyakumari, of which Rs. 10 00 lakhs has been sanctioned. Besides, a few other proposals for which financial assistance is required have been received from the State Government. The same are being examined.

Indo-Japan trade

3890. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of trade in terms of rupee between India and Japan for the year 1985 ; and

(b) whether there are proposals to step up quantitatively and qualitatively the trade between Japan and India during the years 1987 and 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI) : (a) The quantum of trade between India and Japan for the year 1985 is Rs. 2685.70 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Carnival festival in Goa

3891. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether carnival festival is proposed to be held in Goa in 1987 ;

(b) nature of role to be played by