

[Translation]

Export of Textiles

2614. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has major position in the international textiles market;

(b) whether India's contribution is only two per cent in the textile export on the international level;

(c) if so, the reasons for this low percentage; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the export percentage on the international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d). As per currently available GATT data, India accounts for about 2% of the world textiles and clothing exports. The quota restrictions imposed by the developed countries is one of the major reasons for the low percentage. In order to step up export of textiles, Government have taken several measures which include introduction of a unified market determined exchange rate system, convertibility of the rupee on current account, facilitating import of capital goods at concessional duty for

export production, increased availability of export credit, permission to retain Foreign Exchange receipts to the extent of 25% in foreign currency accounts, encouraging participation by exporters in Buyer-Seller Meets, Fairs, Exhibitions etc.

[English]

Marketing Officers

2615. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have appointed marketing officers all over the country for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the suggestions made by these officers for development of tourist spots particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). The Central Government have 20 Govt. of India Tourist Officers all over the country to promote tourism. A list of offices is given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(c) The development of tourism in the country is a joint effort of the Centre and the State Governments. Central assistance is provided for various schemes and projects in the States in consultation with State Governments.

STATEMENT

List of Govt. of India Tourist Offices in India

Sl. Region /State/U.T. No.	Location of the Office
I. Northern Region	
1. Delhi.	1. Delhi