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7. Trading in yarn by apex/ regional weavers societies	11.5%
8. Procurement, stocking and distribution of chemical fertilisers and other inputs necessary for agriculture and rural development	13.0%
9. Financing of collection and marketing of minor forest produce	Bank rate
10. Financing working capital requirement of coop. sugar factories	5% above Bank rate
11. Limits to SCBs against pledge of securities earmarked <i>Medium - term</i>	Bank rate
12. Approved agriculture purposes	7.5%
13. Purchase of shares in coop. sugar processing factories/ societies	7.5%
14. Conversion of ST loans into medium term loans in areas affected by drought, etc. <i>Long term</i>	Same rate as per SAO
15. Long term loans to State Govts.	6.0%
B. Rates of interest on borrowings by Regional Rural Banks	
(i) Short term SAO	6.5%
(ii) Short term SAO	8.5%
(iii) Medium term (non-schematic)	7.5%

Export of Tobacco

4123. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any firm

commitment from any country including Russia to buy Indian tobacco in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether any delegation is proposed to be sent to Russia in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to boost the export tobacco to Russia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) A bilateral trade agreement has been executed with the Government of the Russian Federation under which Russian side will provide necessary organizational assistance for annual purchase of bulk tobacco upto 20,000 tonnes during the period 1995-97.

(c) and (d) The Chairman, Tobacco Board accompanied by a 5 member delegation comprising of representatives of tobacco exporters visited Russia in November, 1995 to discuss various issues relating to export of tobacco to Russia.

(e) Does not arise.

Occupation of Hotel Rooms for Residential Purpose

4124. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of officers of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), who are in occupation of rooms in hotels for residential purpose;

(b) the number of hotel rooms occupied by each of such officers for residential purpose;

(c) the reasons for allowing these officers of the ITDC to occupy hotel rooms for residential purpose;

(d) the revenue loss suffered by the Government on this account; and

(e) the steps taken to get these occupations vacated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Twenty officers of ITDC are presently residing in eighteen hotels occupying 63 rooms/suites. The details of which are given in the attached statement.

(c) Keeping in view the operational needs, business interests and security reasons ITDC provides accommodation, wherever necessary to its officers in the hotels.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Officers who have been Provided with Residential Accommodation in the Hotel	No. of Rooms
1	2	3	4
1.	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	Vice President (Ashok)	1 Suite 2 Rooms
2.	Hotel Samrat, New Delhi	Chairman & M.D.,ITDC General Manager	6 Rooms 5 Rooms
3.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi	General Manager	3 Rooms
4.	Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	General Manager	1 Suite 3 Rooms
5.	Hotel Janpath, New Delhi	Vice President (Janpath)	3 Rooms
6.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	General Manager	4 Rooms
7.	Hotel Ranjit, New Delhi	General Manager	3 Rooms
8.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	Ex-General Manager*	4 Rooms*
9.	Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort, Kovalam	Vice President (South) Sr. Manager (E&M)**	3 Rooms 1 Room** cottage
10.	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	General Manager	4 Rooms
11.	Hotel Ashok, Bangalore	General Manager	3 Rooms
12.	Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi	General Manager	3 Rooms
13.	Hotel Pataliputra Ashok, Patna	General Manager	1 Suite 1 Room
14.	Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu	General Manager	2 Rooms
15.	Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	General Manager	3 Rooms
16.	Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar	General Manager	1 Suite 1 Room
17.	Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	General Manager	3 Rooms
18.	Hotel Khajuraho Ashok, Khajuraho	General Manager	2 Rooms

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* Since he has been transferred from the Hotel. He is in the process of shifting from the hotel.

** In occupation of Grove Manager's official residence presently Grove Manager is staying outside the Hotel.