

allocation made to each tourist resort in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Development of tourist centres/resorts in the country is a continuous process. Allocation of funds for provision of tourism infrastructure is not made on region-wise or centre-wise basis but keeping in view specific requirements of a particular project/scheme. A Tourism Advisory Board has been set up by the Government to consider and recommend measures for promotion and development of tourism in the country as a whole.

For the Seventh Five Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 138.68 crores has been made in the Central Sector for Tourism. This comprises Rs. 68.68 crores for the Department of Tourism, Rs. 40.00 crores for the India Tourism Development Corporation and Rs. 30.00 crores for the Hotel Management and Catering Unit.

#### Tax collection by way of raids

70. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the yield in tax receipts this year exceeded the last year's collection by Rs. 1000 crores;

(b) the efforts being made to improve the tax collection during the remaining period of financial year;

(c) the total number of raids conducted and the total amount involved in such raids; and

(d) whether such raids will further increase during the next financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Increase in issue prices of rice and wheat in fair price shops

71. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL

SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the issue price of rice and wheat in the fair price shops has been raised in recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this rise has any relation to the distribution costs of foodgrains;

(d) if so, what is the comparative cost of storing and distributing rice and wheat in public and private sectors; and

(e) whether there are any further plans to expand Fair Price Shop distribution system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The Central issue prices of rice have been raised to Rs. 231/—, 243/—, and 258/—per quintal for the common, fine and superfine varieties, respectively, with effect from 1.2.86. With effect from the same date, the Central issue price of wheat has been raised to Rs. 190/—per quintal. Rice and wheat are issued at these prices, from the Central Pool to the State Governments and U. T. Administrations for sale through the public distribution system. The prices in the fair price shops include distribution costs of the State Government and U. T. Administrations and their subsidies, if any, and vary from State to State and, sometimes, even from region to region in the same State.

(c) The rise in the Central issue prices is not related to the distribution costs of foodgrains.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised, from time to time, to strengthen the public distribution system by opening more fair price shops to provide easy physical access of essential commodities to consumers, particularly, in rural, tribal, remote and far-flung areas.