

**Long Term Support Price policy for Spices**

206. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a long term support price policy in respect of major spices in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Attraction for foreign Tourists Visiting Southern States**

207. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Number of foreign tourists who visited the country during 1985-86 ;

(b) percentage of foreign tourists who visited South India ;

(c) whether it is a fact that very few foreign tourists visited South due to lack of adequate campaign in the country and abroad about places of tourist attraction in South India ; and

(d) if so, the action taken to attract all foreign tourists visiting the country to Southern States ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1985-86 was 875, 575, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) and (c). As per the Foreign Tourist Survey 1982-83 about 28.7 per cent of the international tourists visiting India spent at least a night in the Southern States/U.Ts consisting of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondichery.

(d) The places of tourist interest in the Southern India are given adequate importance

in the publicity and promotional campaigns of the Central Government.

**Bank Loans to Weaker Sections in Urban Areas**

208. SHRI SUBASH YADAV :

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a comprehensive scheme to tackle urban poverty and to provide bank loans to weaker section in urban areas and start more schemes to benefit weaker sections in rural areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme ;

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be introduced and financial implication thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The Government proposes to introduce a new scheme for providing self-employment to the urban poor in metropolitan/urban/semi/urban areas. There is no proposal to start a new scheme for the weaker sections of the rural areas in the country as there are a number of poverty alleviation programmes already in operation at present.

(c) and (d). The full details of the new scheme for urban poor are being worked out and the scheme would be launched shortly.

**Smugglers Held at Indira Gandhi International Airport**

209. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of smugglers held with gold, herein etc. at the Indira Gandhi International Airport since its operation ;