

### Setting up of Sainik Boards in Capital

6378. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether five Sainik Boards will be set up in the capital to rehabilitate ex-servicemen ;

(b) if so, what will be the main functions and objects of the Sainik Boards ; and

(c) the time by which these Boards will start functioning and how far they will be helpful to the ex-servicemen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Administration have proposed setting up of 5 Zila Sainik Boards in the Union Territory of Delhi to better serve the cause of welfare and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and their dependents. At this stage it is, however, not possible to indicate in what form the proposal will be accepted and when implemented.

### Steps to promote Trade with US

6379. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are making preparations to launch a major campaign to promote trade and fiscal relations with the United States :

(b) if so, the number of agreements and proposals exchanged between the two countries in this regard ; and

(c) to what extent it has boosted trade with US ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) to (c) A series of initiatives have been taken to promote global exports which are designed to generate surpluses for exports, induce the production of goods contemporary in technology and competitive in prices and to

make the exports profitable. With particular reference to the USA, a number of steps have been taken to increase exports which include market surveys, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, departmental store promotion buyer-seller meets and special publicity programmes.

No agreement has been signed recently with USA specifically for the purpose of promoting trade and fiscal relations.

India's non-oil exports to USA during the last few years have continuously been showing a rising trend as may be seen from the following table :—

(Value : Rs. Crores)

Years	Exports	Imports
1981-82	920.20	1419.72
1982-83	950.25	1370.66
1983-84	1395.55	1793.86
1984-85	1765.83	1700.59
1985-86	1994.48*	2085.85*
1986-87		
(Apr.—Dec.)	1686.91*	1421.20*

Provisional : Subject to revision.

[Translation]

### Recognition of Hindi in UNO

6380. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made efforts to secure recognition for Hindi in the UNO particularly during the last three years ; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the success achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The introduction of any new language as an official language of the United Nations requires approval of the General Assembly to amend rule 51 of the Rules of procedures. Such a proposal has to be approved by a majority in the United

Nations General Assembly. Informal consultations held by the Government and a number of related factors, including the financial crisis faced by the United Nations, indicate that this is not the appropriate time to make such a proposal in the United Nations.

[English]

**Occupancy in hotels of ITDC in Delhi**

6381. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the room occupancy rate in different I.T.D.C. hotels in Delhi during 1985 and 1986 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep fall in room occupancy in hotels under I.T.D.C in Delhi ; and

(c) the reasons for the fall in occupancy ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) The requisite information is given below :

Sr. No.	Name of the Hotel	% age room occupancy	
		1985	1986
1.	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	53	67
2.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi	78	85
3.	Akbar Hotel, New Delhi	60	62*
4.	Samrat Hotel, New Delhi	73	83
5.	Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi	52	75
6.	Janpath Hotel, New Delhi	81	84
7.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	68	68
8.	Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi	60	64
9.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	71	84

\*Closed in April 1986

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Disneyland type Amusement Parks in Karnataka**

6382. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal from Karnataka Government to establish a Disney type amusement park near Yelahanka in Karnataka ;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been cleared ; and

(c) the assistance to be given for the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) At present, no such proposal is under the consideration of the Central Ministry of Tourism.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Foreign bases in Indian Ocean**

6383. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the foreign bases in the Indian Ocean ;

(b) whether these bases have nuclear war heads etc. ;

(c) whether these foreign bases do pose a threat to India's security ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to protect India's security ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) It is known that several non-littoral states have bases and facilities in the Ocean. The exact details of the agreements under which these bases and facilities have been provided, as also the nature and range of facilities provided under these agreements is not precisely known.