

Archaeological Survey of India from 1957 to 1961 revealed a Buddhist monastic complex including stupa, sculptures etc.

Lalitgiri: The excavations at Lalitgiri conducted by Bhubaneshwar Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India have brought to light the remains of a stupa built of random rubble masonry veneered with finely dressed sand stone slabs following the curvature of the dome as well as the drum portion.

Udaigiri: Excavations brought to light in addition to antiquities and remains, a grand monastic complex with a sculpture of Buddha.

(c) and (d). The Ministry of Tourism has got prepared a Master Plan for the development of these Buddhist centres. The State Government has been asked to formulate proposals for the development of these centres. So far, however, the State Govt. has not forwarded any proposal for the development of these centres.

Tourism Development Plan of Paighat in Kerala

3009. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the district of Paighat in Kerala has immense tourism potential;

(b) whether any comprehensive plan for the development of tourism in this district was submitted to Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). The schemes for development of tourism infrastructure are taken up on the basis of proposals

received from the State Government concerned, subject to merits of the proposal, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. Based on a proposal received from the State Government, the Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned wayside amenities with accommodation at Paighat at a cost of Rs. 10.28 lakhs, of which Rs. 4.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government as first instalment.

Export of Iron Ore through Paradip

3010. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore exported through Paradip Port at present;

(b) the target set for export of iron ore through Paradip Port annually; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to accelerate the implementation of these plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) to (c). Exports of iron ore from Paradip Port during 1986-87 were 2.079 million tonnes. MMTC have planned for an export of 2.150 million tonnes of iron ore from this Port during 1987-88. Exports during April-June, 1987-88 have been 0.47 million tonnes.

In order to increase export of iron ore further to 6.00 million tonnes from this Port, it is planned to increase rail capacity and develop Paradip Port to receive vessels upto 1,70,000 DWT as against 55,000 DWT at present.

Decline in Yarn and Cloth Production

3011. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the yarn and cloth production in 1986-87 and also in 1987-88;