

Proposal for setting up a Footwear Design and Development Institute

1825. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee was appointed by Government to make recommendations for setting up of a Footwear Design and Development Institute to promote a 'meaningful nexus' between research and development in the field of leather ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the recommendations and the suggestions accepted by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER). (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Luxury Hotels set up by ITDC

1826. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of luxury hotels constructed by India Tourism Development Corporation in collaboration with the State Tourism Development Corporations in Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the name of the places in different States and Union Territories where those hotels have been constructed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) During the Sixth Five Year Plan, under its joint venture scheme, ITDC initiated the following six hotels in collaboration with the State Governments/State Tourism Development Corporations :

Name of the Hotel	Star Category
1. Gauhati (Assam)	3 Star
2. Ranchi (Bihar)	3 "
3. Puri (Orissa)	3 "
4. Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)	3 "
5. Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)	1-2 "
6. Pondicherry (Union Territory)	1-2 "

All the above hotel projects are in the process of implementation. Since all the

Six hotels are envisaged to be in the 1 to 3 star category they cannot be construed to be luxury hotels.

Export of Cotton

1827. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) names of the countries which are main purchaser of Indian cotton ;

(b) the quantity exported to these countries during the last three years ;

(c) whether public sector is also likely to be considered for export ; and

(d) the details regarding the adopted price policy of Government during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURHID ALAM KHAN) (a) The main purchasers of Indian cotton in the International Market are Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Nepal, Portugal, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, USSR, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Singapore, U.K. and West Germany.

(b) Quantities of 6.97 lakh bales, 3.54 lakh bales and 1.79 lakh bales have been exported to the foreign countries during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 cotton years respectively.

(c) State and Central Government Public Sector Agencies and Cooperative Organisations are always involved in export of cotton every year.

(d) The export of cotton is allowed subject to the minimum export price fixed by a Committee in the Office of the Textile Commissioner.

Indo-Romania Agreement for Export of Iron Ore and Import of Steel

1828. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into an agreement with Romania towards the end of 1985 for the export of large quantities of iron ore from India and for the import of steel products from Romania ;