

(b) Among Black tea producing countries India has the highest yield per hectare. However, Japan which produces green tea is having a higher yield rate than India for that type of tea.

(c) No, Sir. On the contrary the production and exports have been rising steadily in the past few years. As against a production of 456 M. Kgs. in 1972, production rose to 511.82 M. Kgs. during 1976. Exports and earnings therefrom rose from 198 M. Kgs. valued at Rs. 151.14 crores in 1972 to 233.61 M. Kgs. valued at Rs. 273 crores in 1976 (provisional).

Pay scales of selection grade Auditors of Indian Audit and Accounts Department

4404. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE, AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay of some of the Selection Grade Auditors of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department will stagnate before 10 to 16 years of their retirement; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) As per information available on record some Selection Grade Auditors will stay at the maximum for 10 years and more before their retirement.

(b) An item "Removal of stagnation in the Selection Grade Auditors Cadre" came up for discussion in the last meeting of the Departmental Council; Indian Audit and Accounts Department, and was remitted to a Committee of the Council for further consideration. The Committee has since been appointed and its recommendations are awaited.

गुजरात में अम्बाजी का पर्यटन केन्द्र के रूप में विकास

4405. श्री चौधरी मोती भाई अर० क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए (गुजरात में) अम्बाजी को पर्यटन केन्द्र के रूप में विकसित करने का है कि यह एक प्रसिद्ध तीर्थस्थान है और पर्वतीय क्षेत्र में स्थित है तथा यहां रोजाना हजारों तीर्थ यात्री और पर्यटक आते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह विकास कार्यक्रम कब तक आरम्भ किया जायेगा ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री पुरुषोत्तम कौशिक) : (क) केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र में अम्बाजी में यात्रियों के लिये सुविधाओं के विकास के लिये फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Bed Capacity in Hotels

4406. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total bed capacity in hotels categorised for foreign tourists at present; is it sufficient to accommodate the present rate of tourist traffic to India;

(b) the number of new beds that could be increased in private and public sectors during the past three years; and was their number in consonance with the expected increase in tourist traffic; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to grant more licences for more hotels to be built in private sector and whe-

ther Government propose to give incentive to those who come forward in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURSHOTAM KAUSHIK): (a) The information relating to hotel accommodation is maintained on the basis of hotel rooms and not hotel beds. Accordingly, there are at present 16,771 rooms in approved hotels in the country as against the estimated requirement of 25,500 rooms by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan.

(b) During the past 3 years, viz., 1974-75 to 1976-77, 3,516 rooms could be added in the private sector, and 776 rooms in the public sector. As such, the construction of hotels at certain places like Delhi and Bombay has not kept pace with the increase in the flow of tourist traffic to these centres.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism approves hotel projects which conform to the prescribed minimum standards. Such approvals are given as and when project proposals are received. In order to encourage construction of hotels in the private sector various incentives are given by way of fiscal relief, financial assistance in the form of institutional loans, priority consideration for essential requirements, etc.

Airbus Services

4407. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airbuses purchased recently are not giving satisfactory service; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) Airbuses pur-

chased by Indian Airlines are giving satisfactory service.

(b) Does not arise.

Officers gone on deputation to Public sector undertakings

4408. SHRI SHEO NARAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been laid down for the retirement of Officers of the various All-India Services who secure deputation to the various Public Undertakings like Fertilizers Corporation of India, Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., and others a year or two before their superannuation;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these officers continue to remain in service beyond their retirement age of 58 years to 60 years and even after that thus giving them the benefit of more years of service;

(d) the names of Officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service who managed to go on deputation to the Undertakings like the Fertilizers Corporation of India in 1973 and 1974, one or two years before their retirement; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to stop this malpractice and remove the disparity of retirement age between the Government service and that under the Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c) and (e). Government policy applicable to deputationists from all Central Government services to Central Government enterprises, including those from the All-India Services, requires them to exercise an option either to be permanently absorbed in the enterprises within two or three years of their deputation or