

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Export of jute goods from 1974-75 to 1976-77 has been as under:—

Year	Qty. : 000 Tonnes Value: Rs. lakhs	
	Qty.	Value
1974-75	583.2	29485
1975-76	516.3	24932
1976-77	452.7	9924

(b) to (d). Export of jute goods during April—September, 1977 has been of the order of 241.3 thousand tonnes against 185.0 thousand tonnes during the corresponding period of last year.

Although an increase is noticeable over the corresponding period in the overall export during the first six months of the current year, it is too early to judge if the trend will be sustained. The following important steps taken from time to time for stimulating exports, are however, being continued:—

1. Export duty on all jute products has been abolished.

2. Exports of some items of jute goods have been made more competitive in foreign markets and more remunerative to the manufacturers.

3. Public Sector Organisations have been actively associated with export of jute goods.

4. Liberal assistance is being given for Research and Development efforts for promoting new end-uses and reducing cost of production.

5. Cess has been levied on jute manufacturers to finance R and D activities through the Development Council constituted for the jute industry.

Works undertaken in North Bihar to attract Tourists

4189. SHRI SURENDRA JHA SUMAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in North Bihar and the works undertaken there during the last three years to attract tourists;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to provide facilities required for attracting tourists at Sitamarhi, the birth place of Sita, Gautam Kund, the seat of Gautam, the great teacher, Kantaule-Darbhangha, the place associated with Ahilya and Bispi-Madhuhani, the birth place of the Great poet Vidyapati; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) No tourist facilities have been developed at centres in North Bihar in the Central Sector as within the resources available, the Department of Tourism is concentrating on the development of the three major Buddhist centres of Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Nalanda in Bihar.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Does not arise for the reasons stated in para (a) above.

नई दिल्ली और पन्त नगर के बीच  
दैनिक विमान सेवा

4190. श्री भारत भूषण : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली और पन्त नगर के बीच दैनिक विमान सेवा आरम्भ करने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री  
(श्री पुरुषोत्तम कौशिक) : (क) जी,  
नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Places selected for development as  
tourist spots in Meghalaya**

4191. SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Will  
the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL  
AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of places  
selected for development as tourist  
spots in the State of Meghalaya; and

(b) the steps taken and proposed to  
be taken by the Centre in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM  
AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-  
SHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b).  
The Central Department of Tourism  
had proposed the construction of a  
youth hostel at Shillong during the  
current Plan period. It has not been  
possible to implement this scheme so  
far as a suitable site for the construc-  
tion of the youth hostel has not as  
yet been made available by the State  
Government

**केन्द्रीय राजस्व व महालेखाकार के कर्मचारियों  
की सेवा में बहाली**

4192. श्री राघव जी : क्या वित्त  
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1974 में रेलवे कर्मचारियों  
के समर्थन में हड़ताल पर जाने के कारण  
केन्द्रीय राजस्व महालेखाकार के कार्यालय  
के कितने कर्मचारियों को सेवा से निकाल  
दिया गया था ;

(ख) क्या इन कर्मचारियों को सेवा  
में बहाल कर दिया गया है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो रेलवे कर्मचारियों  
की तुलना में उनके साथ भेदभाव बरतने  
के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार उनको सेवा में  
बहाल करने का प्रश्न पर विचार कर  
रही है ?

वित्त तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मंत्री  
(श्री एच० एम० पटेल) : (क) महा-  
लेखाकार, केन्द्रीय राजस्व के कार्यालय  
के किसी भी कर्मचारी को 1974 के  
दौरान हुई हड़ताल के संबंध में सेवा से  
नहीं हटाया गया।

(ख) से (घ). ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

**Rates for Accommodation and Meals  
in proposed cheap Hotels**

4193. SHRI A. R. BADRI NARA-  
YAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM  
AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to  
state:

(a) the steps taken by the Govern-  
ment to set up cheap hotels for the  
tourists;

(b) if so, (i) number of such hotels  
(ii) the proposed charges per day for  
accommodation and meals separately;  
and

(c) locations of such hotels?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM  
AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-  
SHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c).  
It is proposed to construct inexpensive  
hotels at metropolitan cities (Delhi,  
Bombay, Calcutta and Madras) and  
other selected tourist centres. The  
number and location of such hotels to  
be constructed in the Central sector  
will depend upon the resources made  
available for this purpose during the  
Sixth Five Year Plan, which is under  
discussion with the Planning Commis-  
sion. The tariff proposed to be charged  
in these hotels is under examination.