

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. At the conclusion of the annual bilateral negotiations between the Governments of India and the Federal Republic of Germany for assistance in the current year, an agreement was signed in New Delhi between the two Governments on 14th October, 1977

(b) The Federal Republic of Germany has committed an amount of DM 360 million (Rs. 135.72 crores) as a loan to India for the current year which has the following composition:

	Rs Crores	DM Million
Projects . . .	88 595	235
Development Banks (ICICI and IIC)	3 147	11
Capital Goods . . .	3 393	9
Commodities . . .	28 275	75
Debt Relief . . .	11 310	30
	<u>135 720</u>	<u>360</u>

(c) Apart from the purposes indicated above, the project tranche of DM 235 million will be utilised for the following projects viz: (i) The Neyveli Lignite Corporation (DM 60 Million), (ii) The Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Company (DM 55 million), (iii) The Trombay Thermal Power Station (DM 85 million) and (iv) Acquisition of an Oceanographic Research Ship from the Federal Republic of Germany (DM 35 Million).

Terms and conditions of committee to formulate Approach to Foreign and Domestic Tourism

**985 SHRI RAJ KESHAR SINGH:
SHRI VASANT SATHE:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up high level Committee to formulate the Government approach to foreign and domestic tourism;

(b) whether the Committee has been set up; if so, the terms of reference and its constitution; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c) Government propose to set up a high level Committee to formulate a National Policy on Tourism in respect of foreign and domestic tourism. The terms of reference, and the composition of this Committee are under consideration and the decisions in this regard will be announced shortly.

Steps to ensure Price Stability

986 SHRI RAJ KESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how far the problem of power shortage and high rate of interest and depreciation on the Capital outlay have affected prices of various items in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken to tackle the above problems and to ensure price stability?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b) It is not possible to isolate the impact of any particular factor on the prices of commodities. It is, however, possible that power cuts, leading to curtailment of production, may have a tendency to produce temporary shortages in the market, and hence, a rise in prices. The problem of power shortage is being tackled through creation of additional generating capacity, improving the performance of the existing power stations and reducing transmission and distribution losses.