

(b) It is too early to make any useful evaluation of the impact of gold sales on the prices and on smuggling of gold. The sale of gold was conceived of as an economic measure in addition to preventive measures to tackle the evil of smuggling of gold. The sale has discouraged large scale smuggling of gold into the country. The gold prices in India have also shown some tendency to fall since the commencement of the gold sale operations.

(c) and (d). It may not be in the public interest in the present circumstances to disclose this information.

#### Withdrawal of Ban on Export of Turmeric and Cumin Seeds

1907. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the ban on the export of turmeric and cumin seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether this step has resulted in an increase in the prices of these items; and

(d) if so, what were the prices of these commodities (i) at the time the ban was imposed, (ii) at the time the ban was withdrawn and (iii) at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

(a) and (b). Ban on export of cumin seeds and Turmeric other than "Alleppey Finger" Turmeric variety is continuing. Export of Alleppey Finger Turmeric is allowed within a limited ceiling. However, with effect from 9th June, 1978 export of Alleppey turmeric splits and bulbs under a limited ceiling and Alleppey

turmeric powder, turmeric powder and cumin seed powder in consumer packs have been allowed. There is no domestic demand for alleppey turmeric and the export of turmeric powder is of small quantities. It is, therefore, not expected to result in any price rise.

(c) and (d). There has been no rise in prices so far as a result of allowing export of Alleppey turmeric powder and Turmeric powder and cumin seed powder in consumer packs.

#### Popularity of Indian Garments in Foreign Countries

1908. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH:

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share of garments, trousers and jeans in the world market registered only a negligible increase in recent years although the country has been in the forefront of textile manufacture and export;

(b) whether it is also a fact that trousers and jeans are today increasingly becoming popular among women and girls in many parts of the world as an alternative sports or casual wear; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries which are very much interested in Indian garments and the efforts Government have made in this regard to encourage the Indian garments more and more popular in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

(a) Exports of trousers and jeans to world markets are increasing over the years and the demand for ready-made garments has also gone up.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) USA, EEC Member States, Scandinavian countries, Australia and Japan are interested in Indian garments. In order to popularise Indian readymade garments in the world markets, the concerned Export Promotion Councils are engaged in export promotion efforts through publicity campaigns abroad and participation in specialised textiles and clothing fairs in overseas countries. Sales-cum-study Teams are also being sponsored by these Councils to explore the possibilities of entering the new markets and to introduce new items in the existing markets.

With a view to fully exploiting the export potential for readymade garments, a separate Export Promotion Council under the name and style of Apparels Export Promotion Council has been sponsored by the Government.

**खजुराहो में पर्यटकों को ठहराने के लिये सुविधाएं**

1910. श्री सुखेन्द्र सिंह : क्या पर्यटन और वायर विभागन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खजुराहो जाने वाले पर्यटकों की संख्या में हो रही वृद्धि को देखते हुए इस समय वहां उनके ठहराने की सुविधाएं पर्याप्त हैं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके लिए वहां अन्य क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है ; और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों में प्रयात 1976-77 और 1977-78 में कितने पर्यटकों ने खजुराहो की यात्रा की और उनमें कितने पर्यटक विदेशी थे ?

पर्यटन और वायर विभागन मंत्री (श्री पुष्पोत्तम जोशी) : (क) और (ख) : अंतरराष्ट्रीय तथा अंतर्देशीय दोनों प्रकार के पर्यटन की वृद्धि के अनुरोधों को धृष्टि में रखते हुए, राज्य सरकार ने केंद्रीय पर्यटन विभाग की सिफारिश पर खजुराहो को एक सव्यवस्थित एवं समन्वित आधार पर विकास करने के

लिए 1975 से 1991 तक का एक 16 वर्षीय मास्टर प्लान तैयार किया है ।

भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम की छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में, खजुराहो होटल के विस्तार के लिए 30 लाख रुपये की व्यवस्था है । इससे 30 प्रतिशत कमरों की व्यवस्था हो जाएगी । राज्य सरकार खजुराहो में एक 50 कक्षाओं वाले पर्यटक बंगले का निर्माण कर रही है तथा छठी योजनावधि के दौरान उसका 140 प्रतिशत कमरों के निर्माण का भी प्रस्ताव है । होटल बढ़ाने में, जोकि निजी क्षेत्र का एक अनुमोदित होटल है, 70 कमरे और जोड़कर होटल के विस्तार कार्य को पहले ही प्रारम्भ कर दिया है ।

(ग) पर्यटन विभाग ब्राने वाले अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटकों के आकर्षणों का संकलन केवल प्रखिल भारतीय आधार पर करता है और इसीलिए विभिन्न स्थानों पर ब्राने वाले पर्यटकों के आकर्षण उपलब्ध नहीं है । तथापि, भारत प्रशासनिक स्टाफ कालेज, हैदराबाद द्वारा 1976-77 में किए गए विदेशी पर्यटकों के सर्वेक्षण से पता चला कि भारत आने वाले कुल अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटकों के 6.02 प्रतिशत पर्यटकों ने खजुराहो की यात्रा की । उपर्युक्त प्रतिशत के आधार पर, 1976-77 तथा 1978 (जनवरी से जून 1978) के दौरान खजुराहो की यात्रा करने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या का अनुमान निम्न प्रकार लगाया जा सकता है :-

वर्ष	ब्राने वाले कुल पर्यटक	6.02% की दर से खजुराहो की यात्रा करने वाले पर्यटक
1976	533,951	32,140
1977	640,422	38,550
1978	327,304	19,700

(अनुसंधान से जून तक)