

Blue Print of Infra-structure facilities at Centres

3056. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a blue print of infra-structural facilities at centres falling without the travel circuits has been prepared to attract international tourists;

(b) the names of the States which come under the said circuit; and

(c) the details of the facilities to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c). With a view to gearing up facilities to attract a larger volume of international tourists, meetings were held on regional basis with the State Tourist officials. Among the measures contemplated to achieve this objective are (i) identification of travel circuits, and (ii) development of adequate infra-structural facilities at tourist centres falling within these travel circuits. In pursuance of this the State Tourist officials have been requested to prepare and forward the requisite blue-prints of development. These are awaited.

Import of Aluminium from France

3057. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has entered into long term contract for import of aluminium from France; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Polish Textile Contract

3058. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Indo-Polish textile contract signed recently, the Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council has quoted below the cost of production for quite a few items to be exported to Poland; and

(b) if so, the name of those items and the total loss that would accrue from this contract?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The price secured by a group of exporters under a contract for supply of cotton textile items to Poland compares well with the ruling international prices.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Sericulture in India

3059. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise distribution of aids of World Bank financed project for expansion of Sericulture in India; and

(b) State-wise distribution of funds for expansion of Sericulture in India under Indo-Swiss agreement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The World Bank has presently approved a programme of assistance to the Government of Karnataka to develop sericulture in the State. The amount of outlay approved by the World Bank for this project is Rs. 79.85 crores; of which World Bank assistance is Rs. 45.36 crores.

(b) There is no programme of financial assistance from the Government