

Acute Shortage of Hotels in Delhi

*285. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of hotels in Delhi;

(b) if so, projected shortage till 1985; and

(c) steps that the Government are taking to meet such shortage?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Shortage of hotel accommodation has been felt in Delhi, specially during the peak tourist season November—March.

(b) and (c). At present, the number of rooms in the approved sector is 3761. In order to increase the room capacity in the Capital, several new hotel projects and some expansion projects are currently under-way which are likely to add 3419 rooms to the existing capacity by 1985. It is expected that when these are completed, there will be adequate number of hotel rooms available to meet the requirements of international as well as domestic tourists in Delhi.

Export of Non-Edible Marine Products

2560. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority as the organisation of Government of India solely responsible for development of export of marine products, attend to export of non-edible marine products, such as sea-weeds, sharks, pearls etc; and

(b) if so, whether he will lay on the table a statement regarding the activities so far of the M.P.E.D.A. regarding

the development of non-edible marine products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b). The marine Products Export Development Authority is responsible for the development of export of marine products. The Authority has not taken up any substantial activity so far for the development of non-edible marine products. The exports of Sea-weeds are completely banned and the exports of Pearls do not come under the purview of the Authority.

Non-Supply of Controlled Cloth to Orissa

2561. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether controlled cloth is not being supplied to the State of Orissa according to the requirements;

(b) the total requirement of controlled cloth per month in Orissa; and

(c) the total bales of controlled cloth supplied to Orissa month-wise from January till October, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Controlled cloth is being supplied to the State of Orissa in accordance with the criteria adopted for distribution of controlled cloth to all the States. This distribution is done on equitable basis after taking into account the population and having regard to the production level of 400 million sq. meters in a year, and the availability of controlled cloth during the particular month.

(b) The average monthly entitlement of the State of Orissa is 892 bales of 1500 sq metres each.

(c) The quantity of controlled cloth allotted to Orissa month-wise from January to October, 1980 is as under:-

Month	Bales
January	2248.75
February	970.50
March	802.50
April	2128.75
May	2076.50
June	1403.00
July	1957.75
August	518.00
September	1578.00
October	398.25
Total for 10 months	14082.00

Import of Aluminium

2562. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any aluminium is imported into the country in last 3 years; and if so, the quantity and price paid year-wise;

(b) whether bauxite is available in Maharashtra and if so, the places, the quantity and quality of bauxite and what use Government propose to make of this bauxite; and

(c) whether bauxite from Maharashtra is being sent to Karnataka under Mining leases and if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The quantity and value of alu-

minium imported during the last 3 years is given below:

	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1977-78	8,991	10.42
1978-79	32,974	42.15
1979-80	85,820	123.08

(b) The bauxite reserve in Maharashtra are as follows:-

District	Quantity (Million tonnes)
Kolbapur	66
Kolaba	11
Thana	1
Ratnagiri	5
Satara	9

80 per cent of the deposits are of the metallurgical grade.

The Central Government had sanctioned an aluminium complex at Ratnagiri in the year 1974 based on the Dhangarwadi and Udgiri deposits. The project could not, however, be taken up for implementation owing to financial constraints. Recently, a review of the project has been conducted on the basis of updated cost estimates and it has been found that the project would not be economically viable because of the following reasons:

(a) low scale of operation.

(b) obsolete technology.

(c) high cost of power.

(d) inadequate infrastructure resulting in high cost of material transportation.