

Export of onions

6314. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of onion exported during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the name of agency through which exported;

(c) the quantity of onion purchased from each onion-growing State by that agency;

(d) whether it is a fact that onion prices have come down during this season particularly in Gujarat State; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to purchase onion from Gujarat State for export for the benefit of onion-growers; whether Gujarat Government has also requested for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
(SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN):

(a) Export figures are given in the table below:—

Year	Qty.	FOB
(Financial)	(M/T)	in lac Rs.
1975-76	1,11,998	1384.60
1976-77	1,63,533	1885.12
1977-78	56,821	907.35
1978-79	98,078	1388.96
1979-80	87,957	1261.26
1980-81	1,62,574	2597.28
up to 15-3-1981)		

(b) Export is regulated through NAFED.

(c) The information is given in the table below:—

Year	Maharashtra	Gujarat	Total
(July-June)			
1976-77	35,672	—	35,672
1977-78	94,308	1,748	96,056
1978-79	89,451	14,993	1,13,444
1979-80	1,89,000	15,510	2,04,510
(1-7-80 to 1-10-80)	23,332	—	84,532
(1-11-80 to 18-3-81)	61,200	—	—

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) NAFED may purchase exportable varieties of onions from Gujarat on a commercial basis.

Growth rate of tourist traffic in India

6316. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth rate of tourist traffic in India during the last three years, year-wise and how does it compare with other leading countries in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that rules are not observed in the functioning of the Department in regard to posting transfer and selection of projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures proposed to bring efficiency in promotion of tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The growth rate of tourist traffic in India during the last 3 years was as follows:—

Year	Growth Rate (%)
1978	16.8
1979	2.2
1980	4.6

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(b) and (c) No, Sir. Rules/criteria are observed in regard to posting, transfer and selection of projects by the Department of Tourism.

(d) It is proposed to identify 2 to 3 travel circuits in each State/Union Territory, and thereafter to intensively develop infrastructural facilities at selected centres falling along these travel circuits by pooling all-available resources in the Central, State and Private Sectors. These travel circuits will then be extensively publicised for

promoting tourism, both domestic and international.

In addition, promotion abroad will be intensified through various publicity media such as films, audio-visual presentations, advertisements, etc., as also by inviting travel publicists, travel agents and tour operators on familiarisation tours of various tourist centres so that in turn they can promote India. With a view to achieving maximum efficiency and utilisation of resources for the promotion of tourist traffic, an arrangement of closer cooperation already exists between the Department of Tourism and Air-India known as the 'Operation Scheme'.

Statement

Growth Rate of Tourist/Visitor Arrivals to India and selected leading countries during the years 1977 to 1979.

(figure in percentage)

Country	1977	1978	1979
India	19.9	16.8	2.2
Canada	-2.4	0.4	-3.8
Czechoslovakia	12.0	9.2	-7.4
France	4.9	2.2	4.3
Hong Kong	12.6	17.0	7.7
Hungary	29.6	38.3	-1.0
Italy	12.1	4.6	13.3
Japan	12.7	1.1	7.1
Malaysia	5.2	8.5	1.2
Singapore	27.3	21.7	9.9
Spain	14.2	16.6	-2.7
Switzerland	9.6	5.8	-3.2
Thailand	11.2	19.1	9.4
U.S.A.	6.2	6.6	1.2