

(c) By and large export production is on the basis of orders secured after satisfying foreign buyers about quality, design, prices, etc.

Assistance for new Tourist projects in 1981-82

2415. SHRI A. C. DAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the numbers of tourists from foreign countries received by our country during 1979-80 and 1980-81 ;

(b) the number of Indian tourists who have visited foreign countries during the above period ;

(c) whether Government have proposal to provide financial assistance for some new tourist development projects in 1981-82 ;

(d) if so, the number of such tourist development projects which are going to be worked out in Orissa ; and

(e) the details about the place of other location and the time of their implementation to attract the foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) The figures of international tourist arrivals to India are compiled on calendar year basis. Thus the numbers of international tourists who visited India during 1979 and 1980 were 7,64,781 and 8,00,150 respectively.

(b) Statistics of Indians going abroad for various purposes such as study, business, medical treatment, attending conferences under Foreign Travel Schemes, etc. are maintained by the Reserve Bank of India based on the foreign exchange permits issued. The information for the

years 1979-80 and 1980-81 is as follows :

Year	No. of Indians travelling abroad (based on foreign exchange permits issued by RBI)
1979-80	99,026
1980-81 (April to Oct' 80)	76,551

No separate statistics specifically of Indian tourists travelling abroad are being compiled.

(c) to (e). No Central assistance is given for tourism projects as Centrally sponsored in the tourism sector were abolished since the Fourth Five Year Plan. Hence tourism schemes are taken up either in the Central Sector or the State Sector.

The Central Department of Tourism proposes to construct a Forest Lodge at Simlipal National Park in Orissa ; and the Indian Tourism Development Corporation in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation proposes to construct a hotel at Puri and a complex of cottages at Konark. As regards other tourist centres to be developed in Orissa, the travel circuits proposed by the State Government will be discussed with the tourist officials of the Government of Orissa this month for finalising the Schemes to be taken up when the responsibility for their development in the Central and/or State Sector will also be determined.

Distribution of Steel to Consumers in H.P. and Punjab

2416. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the nature of set up for the distribution of steel to consumers

in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab :

(b) the names of the dealers/agents authorised to sell 'steel' by the SAIL in the two States ; District-wise ;

(c) whether any more applications for new dealers/agents have also been received ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) As for all other States, steel is distributed to the consumers in the States of H.P. and Punjab through direct despatches from the main producers, and also through the Stockyards of the main producers as well as the Small Scale Industries Corporations, in accordance with the guidelines for Distribution of Iron and Steel Materials announced by the Joint Plant Committee.

(b) SAIL does not have any system of authorised dealers/agents for distribution of steel.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Exploitation of Iron Ore in Keonjhar

2417. SHRINARAYAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the plan of the Union Government for exploitation of Iron Ore in the district of Keonjhar abundantly in existence there ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for development of Malangtoli Iron Ore Mines and setting up any industry for using the Iron Ore available there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) and (b). The Government have no immediate plans for exploitation of the Iron ore deposits of Keonjhar including those of the Malangtoli Block.

CBI Raid on premises of Parle-Bisleri

2418. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) on what basis CBI raided the premises of Parle-Bisleri offices ;

(b) whether the CBI filled charges against the company for the illegal remittance ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA) :

(a) Raids were conducted by the CBI after it had registered a case, on receipt of a complaint from the Directorate of Enforcement, against M/s. Bisleri (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay and its two Directors, namely S/Shri Ramesh J. Chauhan and H.M. Golwala, for alleged offences under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act and also under the I.P.C.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The case is under investigation.

News item Captioned "Exchange Racket Busted"

2419. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item 'Exchange racket busted' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 13th February, 1981 ;

(b) if so, the facts of the case and the genesis of the racket ; and