

Development Corporation. The position is as follows:—

(i) ITDC have entered into an agreement for constructing a hotel at Bhopal in collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. The proposal is to construct a 60 room 3-star category hotel.

(ii) An agreement has been reached with the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation for providing consultancy services both during construction and thereafter in operation of a restaurant at Khapoli. The proposal to construct a hotel at Nagpur jointly with the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation is under consideration.

(iii) The Gujarat Tourism Corporation has approached ITDC to prepare feasibility reports for the conversion of Palaces located at Jamnagar, Porbander and Bhavnagar. The Gujarat Tourism Corporation has also approached ITDC to prepare a preliminary report for setting up a Yatri Niwas at Somnath and Dwarka.

Visit of Indian Delegation to China to Explore Possibility of Importing raw Pearls

8243. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from India had visited China in the first week of April this year to explore the possibility of importing raw pearls; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGAMA : (a) and (b). A 3 member delegation sponsored by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council left for China on the 31st March, 1982, to make an assessment of the existing and future potentiality for import of raw pearls from China and study existing trade Channels, trading practices, etc.

Import of Cheaper Acetate Filament Yarn

8244. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous production of acetate filament yarn has declined due to a fall in the local demand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that imports of cheaper acetate filament yarn have led to the worsening plight of the industry; and

(c) whether Government propose to adopt measures to protect domestic producers from cheap and large imports with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGAMA): (a) Sirsilk Ltd., Andhra Pradesh is the only indigenous unit engaged in the manufacture of acetate filament yarn. Its production over past few years is as under:

	tonnes
1979-80	2163
1980-81	1754
1981-82	1272
	(April-Dec.)

The unit is reported to be having obsolete plant & machinery and their product is reported to be of poor quality.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Decision to pool cardamom for export purchases

8245. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to pool cardamom for the purpose of exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?