

the proceeds of additional excise duty on these five commodities among the States in a reasonable and equitable manner so that they may not suffer any loss and their resources mobilisation is not hampered.

Construction of Sarai at Sri Nanda Devi in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh

2085. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PRA-SHAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the latest progress made in the construction of the Sarai at Sri Nanda Devi in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh by Yatri Avs Vikas Samiti;

(b) the total estimated cost and period of completion as also the amount spent so far; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) The Bharatiya Yatri Avs Vikas Samiti has received possession of 1.16 bighas of land in Naina Devi (in the question sent to this Department Sri Naina Devi has been misprinted as Sri Nanda Devi) on 17-6-1983 from the State Government. It is estimated that the construction cost will be about Rs. 8.00 lakhs. The construction is likely to begin in two months time.

Development of Tourist Rest Houses Masafir: khanas in Amarnath Cave Area of Kashmir

2086. SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVITATION be pleased to state :

In order to cater greater number of yatris is and tourists going uphill from Pahalgam to Amarnath cave for yatra every year, what steps Government are

taking to help in developing the tourist rest houses and Musafirkhanas to protect the yatris from cold and bad weather conditions which sometimes take a big toll of lives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : The Bharatiya Yatri Avs Vikas Samiti was set up by this Ministry under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 to promote pilgrim and domestic tourism. The Samiti has written to the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for a suitable 1 acre site at Chandanwari, 16 Kms, from Pabelgam on the way to Amarnath for construction of a Yatrika/Dharamshala. The reply from the State Government is awaited.

Scheme to Train Farmers in Rearing Silk Worms

2087. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the schemes introduced by Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute to train the farmers of the silk growing States in rearing silk worms ;

(b) the number of farmers in silk growing States benefited under those schemes ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Since 1978-79, the Central Silk Board has been implementing a project for training of farmers in improved sericultural technologies including of silk worms,

(b) and (c) The number of farmers in silk growing states benefited under this scheme is as follows :—