

वाणिज्य मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) से (ग) राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा वर्ष 1982-83 के दौरान किये गये निर्यातों का कुल मूल्य 647 करोड़ रुपये था। 1981-82 के गत वर्ष के दौरान निर्यातों का कुल मूल्य 555 करोड़ रुपये था। राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा 1982-83 के निर्यातों का मूल्य 1981-82 के निर्यात आंकड़ों की तुलना में 92 करोड़ रुपये अधिक हो गया। गत वर्ष की तुलना में 1982-83 में वृद्धि की प्रतिशतता 17 प्रतिशत थी।

Promotion of Tourism in J. & K. State during last Three Years

2181. PROF. SAFI-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is vital for the economy of the country in general and for Jammu & Kashmir in particular ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for promotion of tourism in Jammu & Kashmir during the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Recognising the importance of tourism the Ministry has taken up the following steps in the last three years for the promotion of tourism in Jammu & Kashmir :

- (i) Development of Bagh-e-Bahu project in Jammu in collaboration with the State Government, out of which the Central contribution will be Rs. 30 lakhs.
- (ii) Promotion of winter sports at Gulmarg and water sports at Srinagar.

(iii) A 16-page colour brochure on Jammu & Kashmir was brought out as a part of its overall publicity programme. In addition a number of other brochures, posters etc. were also produced for wide distribution and display in India and abroad.

(iv) In the Films Division production programme for 1982-83 a film on Kashmir including Jammu and Ladakh has been included. This film is likely to be completed in the current years.

(v) Hotel Corporation of India (a subsidiary of Air India) is constructing a 5-star, 275 room Lake View Hotel at Srinagar as a part of the Convention complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.43 crores. Special efforts will be made to attract conventions and conferences traffic as soon as these facilities are ready.

Import of Rubber

2182. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rubber imported for the last three months ;

(b) the impact of this rubber import on the price of the indigenous rubber ;

(c) whether there is going to be another consignment of rubber; import in the near future ;

(d) if so, how much; and

(e) whether Government will consult the State Governments like Kerala where major portion of the rubber is produced before importing the rubber ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) (a) The quantity imported so far is about 7000 tonnes.