

(a) whether Government have suggested to the Department of Textiles to constitute an experts group to recommend policy to be pursued in the textile sector for the next 15 or 20 years ;

(b) whether Government have felt that the industry was facing difficulties as it had grown in a disorganised manner and adequate attention had not been paid to technology and market development ; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the suggestions which have been put forward for availability of cotton for more production during the coming years as well as during the current year as it had affected following drought in some parts in the growing areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b) In order to recommend measures for the development of textile industry during VIIth Five Year Plan a Working Group has been constituted. The policy of Government with regard to the development of textile industry is contained in the textile policy statement laid before Parliament on the 9th March, 1981,

(c) The textile policy states that steps will be taken to increase yield per hectare of cotton through disseminating knowledge of improved agronomic practices and increased use of fertilisers, pesticides, quality seeds and irrigation facilities and that Government will encourage research and development activity specially for the production of short duration and high yielding varieties of cotton. The Intensive Cotton Development Programme proposes an area of 20.20 lakh hectares for coverage by the end of the VIth Plan Period.

#### Acquisition of 310-A Air Bus for Air India

887. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the acquisition of some 310-A Air

Buses for Air India for its operation to the Gulf and other foreign countries ;

(b) if so, the number of such aircraft proposed to be purchased by Air India for the above purpose ;

(c) the amount earmarked therefor ; and

(d) the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Government have approved Air India's proposal to place a Letter of Intent on Airbus Industrie for acquisition of six A 310-300 Air Buses for Air India for operation to Africa, Gulf and other foreign countries.

(c) and (d) Purchase of aircraft is financed by taking loans from Banks/Institutions after obtaining the approval of the Government. The purchase of these six A 310-300 Airbus aircraft would also be financed on the same basis. Air India has paid Airbus Industrie a refundable deposit of US Dollar 12 Million from its own funds with the Letter of Intent.

Air India are preparing a detailed acquisition proposal for the approval of Government.

#### Trade between India and Soviet Union

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

(a) whether Soviet Union is India's major trade partner :

(b) if so, its share in India's foreign trade ; and

(c) the details of the items on which Indo-USSR joint trades have been established ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The share of the Soviet Union in India's foreign trade in 1982-83 amounted to 13.25%.

(c) Main items of export from India to USSR are rice, tea coffee, tobacco, drugs & pharmaceuticals, detergents & cosmetics, leather finished & semi-finished, cotton textiles, woollen knitwear & hosiery, jute manufactures, engineering goods etc. Main items of import from the Soviet Union are oil & oil products, machinery & equipment fertilizers, non-ferrous metals, newsprint etc.

**Construction of Cheap Hotels for Low and Middle Class Tourists**

889. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sent guidelines to different States for constructing cheap hotels for the benefit of low and middle class tourists;

(b) whether Central Government have earmarked funds in the Sixth Plan for this purpose ;

(c) if so, the amount allocated to different States in Sixth Plan for constructing cheap hotels ; and

(d) the steps taken so far by different States in constructing such cheap hotels during the current Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) yes, Sir.

Broad guidelines have been circulated to the different States for the construction of economy hotels/Yatrikas.

(b) A token provision has been made during the year 1984-85.

(c) Funds have not been allocated State-wise.

(d) It is a new scheme and no concrete proposal has been received from the States as yet.

**Tourist Centre at Chilka in Orissa**

890. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to establish a full fledged tourist centre at Chilka in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) Recognising the tourism potential of Chilka Lake in Orissa, it has been included as one of the tourist centres in the three Travel Circuits identified by the Department in consultation with the State Government for the development of tourist infrastructural facilities through the combined resources of Centre/State and the private sectors. A proposal for the preparation of a master Plan (environmental development plan) for Chilka is under examination of the Department. During 1983-84 a sum of Rs. 1.80 lakhs was sanctioned for the purchase of boats at Chilka Lake. A Tourist Bungalow one each at Barkul and Rambha have been constructed by the State Government. In addition the State Government is also operating two motor launches for providing cruising facilities to the tourists. Steps are also being taken by the State Government to organise water-skiing courses at Chilka Lake. The State Government is also organising annual boat race to attract tourists at Chilka since September 1982. Efforts of the Government have also been supplemented in the private sector by construction of two hotels at Barkul.

**Development of Brijbhumi Parikrama**

891. SHRI DIGAMBAR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any environmental developmental plan on Brijbhumi Parikrama, a national heritage centre, had been formulated in view of lakhs of people visiting Brijbhumi every year from all parts of the country and even from foreign lands ; and