- (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 constituction 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 MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE 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 (environmental development plan) for Chilka is under examination 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-skiling 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