

The Department of Tourism is in correspondence with the State Government to make available suitable premises for housing the Institute of Tourism.

**Study by Aid India Consortium to help India out of energy crisis and shortage of raw materials**

9180. SHRI C. K. JAFFER  
SHARIEF:  
SHRI AMAR SINH CHAUDHARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium has decided to study how it can help India meet the crisis caused by the soaring world prices of oil and other commodities;

(b) whether any meeting of the senior Officials from the donor Bank's Regional Headquarters has reviewed the problem facing India where economic development plan has been seriously affected by the energy crisis and steep rise in prices of raw materials; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):

(a) to (c). A Working Party meeting of the Members of India Consortium was held in Paris on 9th and 10th April, 1974 to consider a paper prepared by the World Bank on India's foreign exchange requirements and to consider the World Bank's suggestion that as large a proportion of assistance which the Consortium provides should be in freely usable form. The meeting did not attempt to reach any decision and the matter

would be pursued further at the meeting of the Consortium scheduled to be held in June this year.

**Proposal sent by Vita Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd. District Sangli, Maharashtra**

9181. SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTKINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on the 23rd November, 1973 to Unstarred Question No. 1897 regarding proposal sent by Vita Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd. Vita District Sangli Maharashtra and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the extension of the facility to non-agriculturist members of Co-operative spinning mills; and

(b) if so, the gist thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). The proposal of the Vita Merchants Cooperative Bank Ltd., seeking extension of facility of medium term loans to non-agriculturist members for purchase of shares of cooperative spinning mills is still under the consideration of the Reserve Bank of India.

**Foreign exchange earned by Air India**

9182. SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the total amount of foreign exchange earned by Air India during the last three financial years?