

Foreign Tour, of Managing Director and Chief Consultant of NIDC

3807. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Managing Director and the Chief Consultant of the N.I.D.C. have undertaken foreign tours during 1974 and for what purpose;

(b) how many countries were visited and how much expenditure separately in foreign exchange and Indian currency was incurred on each tour; and

(c) whether the tours were approved by the Ministry of Industrial Development before these were undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). A statement showing details of the foreign tours undertaken by the Managing Director and the Chief Consultant during 1974, names of countries visited, expenditure incurred and the purpose of the tour is enclose.

(c) As per procedure laid down by the Board of Directors, the foreign tours in the case of Managing Director and the Chief Consultant are to be approved by the Chairman of the Corporation. All the tours of the Managing Director and Chief Consultant mentioned in the enclosed statement were approved by the Chairman.

Prior approval of the Board of Directors to the tour undertaken by the Managing Director to EEC countries was also obtained.

Statement

During the period January-July, 1974, the Managing Director has undertaken three foreign tours, the particulars of which are given below:

Sr. No.	Period	Countries visited	Expenditure in foreign exchange	Expenditure in Indian currency	Purpose
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	2-2-74 to 10-2-74	Tanzania	₹ 50	Nil	The tour was undertaken at the invitation of the Capital Development Authority, Govt. of Tanzania, to discuss work to be undertaken by NIDC for this authority. As a result of the negotiation the offer made was accept in principle. The cost of travel and lodging was paid by the Tanzanian Authority.

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2.	7-4-74 to 22-4-74	Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand.	£ 255	Rs.4956	The Managing Director was the leader of a delegation which at the instance of the Ministry of Heavy Industry visited South East Asian countries to identify specific projects for joint ventures in those countries and to have discussions with consultants in those countries on the question of providing consultancy services & technical know-how from India. As a result of these investigations a number of specific projects were identified which can be established with Indian help. Potential Indian firms have been informed about this and in some cases negotiation have already started.
3.	13 5-74 to 2 6-74	U.K., France, Belgium, Italy.	£ 315	Rs.20433	Tour to Belgium & EEC countries was undertaken at the instance of the Govt to assist the Indian Ambassador in Brussels in evolving the basis of methodology for collection and collation of technological information with regard to export of engineering goods from India to EEC countries as well as for import of sophisticated technologies from EEC countries which the country may need. The visit to Iran was to meet the Managing Director, Technologue for discussions outstanding issues with that organisation and possibility of further business from that country.

As a result of the discussion in the EEC, a proposal is under consideration of Government for holding a "Got together" of European and Indian consultancy organisations to enable them to establish business possibilities for utilising Indian capabilities and capacities.

Foreign tours undertaken by Chief consultant during 1974

During the period January -July, 1974 the Chief Consultant has undertaken one foreign tour, the particulars of which are given below :—

1.	16-6-74 to 29-6-74	Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore.	£ 210	Rs.4956	To negotiate an agreement with State Development Corporation of Negri Sembilan (Malaysia) and for business promotion in this area.
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