

at this stage under the consideration of Government to popularise Betla National Park to attract more tourists.

As far as Project Tiger is concerned, it is a Conservation Scheme which is rehabilitating the disturbed habitat and dwindled population of Tigers and other wild animals. The Betla National Park which is a part of the Tiger Reserve Palamau could be popularised after the habitat is improved and the Tiger population is substantially increased.

Institute of Tourism and Travel Management

1089. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a scheme to set up an Institute of Tourism and Travel Management;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The Institute is planned to offer, to begin with, in-service Executive Development Programmes for personnel already employed at different managerial levels in the Tourism Industry; it will also offer consultancy and research facilities; and develop a documentation centre. The Institute will also offer a two-year post-graduate programme for meeting the future requirements of trained personnel for servicing the different segments of the Tourism Industry.

(c) The in-service Executive Development Programmes will be started as soon as necessary clearance has been given to the scheme, and subject to the availability of funds.

Export of Finished leather

1090. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been big increase in the export of finished leather in recent months; and

(b) if so, the quantity of finished leather exported and target fixed for the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a)

Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of Finished Leather during 1975-76 amounted to Rs. 54.83 crores as against Rs. 30.56 crores during 1974-75. A tentative target of Rs. 100 crores has been fixed for the current financial year.

Findings of the study about the Working of controlled cloth scheme

1091. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study was made of the working of the controlled cloth scheme and its distribution system;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether Textile mill-owners have deliberately sabotaged the scheme for distribution of controlled cloth; and

(d) whether the office of the Textile Commissioner carried out any checks about the production and distribution of controlled cloth?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (d). The operation of the controlled cloth scheme has been kept under constant review both on production and distribution aspects. Wherever necessary, changes in the varietal production obligations and in the mechanics of distribution are made. Surprise and intensive checks are made by the Textile Commissioner to ensure quality of production and smooth and purposeful distribution of controlled cloth. There has been no sabotaging of the controlled cloth scheme.