

*[English]***Water Sports in Goa for Tourists**

463. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start water sports in Goa for tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism has set up a National Institute of water sports at Caranzalem in Panjim, Goa, which provides training in water sports activities. The Institute has already conducted over 100 courses for 1600 trainees. Further, private Operators in beach resorts provide a number of water sports activities for tourists.

Seizure of Smuggled Goods

464. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of smuggled goods and foreign currency seized by customs officials during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of arrests made in each of the smuggled goods and foreign currency cases;

(c) whether some Customs/Airlines Officials were also found involved in smuggling cases during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken against the smugglers and Customs/Airlines officials found guilty; and

(f) the steps the Government propose to take to check the entry of smuggled goods and foreign currency in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (f) The information is being collected from the field formation and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[Translation]***Tourist Places at Mumbai**

465. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist places in Mumbai at present;

(b) whether a large number of tourist centres are running in loss;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the details of the loss incurred by each tourist centre during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) The main tourist places in Mumbai City are Gateway of India, Rajabai Tower, Girgoan Chowpatty, Hanging Gardens, Mani Bhavan, Taraporewala Aquarium, Prince of Wales Museum, Juhu Beach, Film City, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Essel World.

(b) Most of the tourist establishments are in the private sector. In Mumbai City State Govt. have not developed any tourist centre.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

*[English]***Export of Groundnut**

466. SHRI C.P.M. GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of groundnut has increased steadily during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the export has advanced affected the indigenous groundnut oil producers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to save the interest of indigenous groundnut oil producers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEDGE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The total quantity and value of HPS groundnut exported during the last 3 years is as under:

	Qty. in MTs	Value in Rs. crores
1995-96	118908	230.69
1996-97	143446	313.35
1997-98 (April-Feb, 1998)	205185	510.00

(Source: DGCIS)

The exports of HPS groundnut constitute less than 3% of the domestic production. Exports of such meagre quantities is unlikely to have any adverse impact on domestic industry.