

(b) if so, whether the grants given by the World Bank in the last one-and-half years has gone to the tune of Rs. 10,000 to Rs.12,000 crores;

(c) if so, the heads on which the present World Bank loan is likely to be utilised;

(d) whether the earlier loans provided by the world banks was fully utilised by the State Government; and

(e) if not, the unutilised amount remained with the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The World Bank assistance, including loans, is normally provided for specific projects, which are to be implemented over a number of years (normally 5-6 years). There are 6 ongoing World Bank assisted projects currently under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh. On these projects an amount of \$221.242 million has been utilised while \$671.602 million remains unutilised as on 31.03.1998. The unutilised amounts do not remain with the State Government but are reimbursed as and when expenditures take place through Government of India as Additional Central Assistance, depending upon its pace of utilisation.

#### Proposals submitted by Orissa Government

613. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals submitted by the Government of Orissa for the development of tourism in the State;

(b) the funds provided by the Government for development of tourism there alongwith the schemes thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the State Government to identify the tourist spots for their development during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) The State Government of Orissa submitted proposals for the construction of tourist reception centres, tourist complex and wayside amenities, refurbishment of monuments and organising fairs and festivals during 1997-98.

(b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India approved 28 projects and sanctioned Rs.557 lakhs. It include 8 projects for re-furbishment of temples, 5 public conveniences, 6 Tourist Reception Centres and 4 Tourist Complexes.

(c) The State Government has taken up consultation with various agencies and has undertaken surveys for identification and development of tourist spots.

#### India's share of export in international market

614. SHRI K.P. NAIDU:  
SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's share of export in the international market is very low at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the actual share;

(d) the growth rate of export during the last three years; and

(e) the step being taken by the Government to boost the exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNAHEGDE) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. India's share in world exports is 0.6% in 1996-97. Low share of India's exports is largely attributable to the policies which focussed on import substitution.

(d) Growth rate of exports during last three years as per the DGCI&S' provisional figures, are as under:

	US \$ terms	Rupee terms(%)
1995-96	21.4	29.3
1996-97	4.0	10.4
1997-98	2.6	7.5

(e) Export performance is influenced *inter alia* by international market conditions, competitiveness of domestic industry, supportive infrastructure, etc. and the Government, through its policy of liberalisation and globalisation, is trying to provide a policy environment conducive to high growth in exports. Some of the recent steps taken up in this regard include modification in DEPB rates, announcement of DEPB rates for about 300 new export items, allowing the setting up of private bonded warehouses so as to ensure easy and timely availability of raw materials to exporters at internationally competitive prices and to facilitate bulk imports from India by large overseas buyers, preparing a Medium Term Strategy for growth of exports, launching of Focus LAC Scheme, etc.

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#### Free Import of consumer items

615. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed free import of 340 consumer items;