

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries alongwith their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) Statement is attached.

(b) to (d) The performance of the offices located in foreign countries has been satisfactory. There has been an increase in the tourist arrivals by 3.8% in the year 1997 vis-a-vis 1996 and 1% in 1998 vis-a-vis 1997. There has been an increase in the foreign exchange earning by 13.9% in the year 1997 vis-a-vis 1996 and 8.1% in 1998 vis-a-vis 1997.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	Location of Office	Country
1.	New York	USA
2.	Los Angeles	USA
3.	Toronto	Canada
4.	London	U.K.
5.	Madrid	Spain
6.	Paris	France
7.	Frankfurt	Germany
8.	Moscow	Russia
9.	Stockholm	Sweden
10.	Amsterdam	Netherland
11.	Milan	Italy
12.	Dubai	U.A.E.
13.	Tel Aviv	Israel
14.	Sydney	Australia
15.	Tokyo	Japan
16.	Singapore	Singapore
17.	Johannesburg	South Africa
18.	Buenos Aires	Argentina

Demand and Supply of Cement

1048. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present demand and supply of cement;

(b) the quantity of cement exported and imported during each of the last three years;

(c) whether production of cement is not enough to meet the demand; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Against the demand of 79 million tonnes for 1997-98 projected by the Task Force on Cement Industry, the industry achieved production of 83.16 million tonnes during 1997-98.

(b) The quantum of cement and clinker exported and imported during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Export (In Million tonnes)	Import (In tonnes)
1995-96	2.4	2521
1996-97	2.7	2944
1997-98	4.4	3855

(c) No, Sir. The production of cement is more than sufficient to meet the demand at present.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Income Tax on Newspapers

1049. SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU :

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: Income tax collected from National Newspapers during the last three years, year-wise and newspaper-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : Up-to-date information is not readily available. The same is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism in A.P.

1050. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified three centres for development of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has approved these centres for development; and

(d) if so, the total amount the Union Government