

Foreign Tours by CMC Officials

3172. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of officials of Computer Maintenance Corporation Ltd. have been spending huge foreign exchange on travelling abroad and on purchase of paintings in the last two years :

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the money spent by the Computer Maintenance Corporation Ltd. on foreign tours and purchase of paintings during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Some officials of CMC Ltd. are required to travel abroad every year in connection with training of the staff and official business of the company as per approved Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permits. Paintings are not purchased overseas. No foreign exchange is involved in purchase of paintings.

(c) The money spent by CMC Ltd. on foreign tours during the last two years is as follows :

	1989-90		1990-91	
	No. of Persons	Amount	No. of Persons	Amount
(i) Training	47	Rs. 46.85 Lakhs	23	Rs. 26.34 Lakhs

	1989-90		1990-91	
	No. of Persons	Amount	No. of Persons	Amount
(ii) Overseas products.	129	Rs. 75.38 Lakhs	141	Rs. 103.07 Lakhs
Export promotion.				
Seminars.				
Trade Fairs and Conferences				

Forest-based Industry in Orissa

3173. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a great scope to set up some forest-based industry in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of such units proposed to be set up in Orissa State during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) While there is a scope to set up some forest based industries in Orissa, Government do not encourage the setting up of wood based industries on account of the National Forest Policy.

(b) and (c) Central Government is not aware of the number of forest based industrial units proposed to be set up in Orissa State during the current financial year.