

Malabar Tourism Circuit

2716. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to declare Malabar Tourism Circuit connecting Bekal Resort with Wynad, Calicut, Kanpur, Malappuram and Palakkad districts and include in the tourism maps and other departmental publications; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): (a) and (b) The identified circuit in Kerala is :

"Cochin-Thekkady-Madurai-Rameswaram". The Bekal Beach has been identified separately as a destination. The Government of India and the State Government of Kerala have produced many tourism brochures and publications on various tourist spots in Kerala.

Export Oriented Units in Orissa

2717. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALLICK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up hundred per cent Export Oriented Units in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these units are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (c) There are 53 approved export oriented units in Orissa, out of which eight units are already in production and four units are in different stages of implementation. As regards remaining units, it is for the entrepreneurs to establish the units by way of construction of building, provision of machinery, raw material and utilities and take other steps for commencement of production. The Government of India provides facility of customs bonding as and when approached by the entrepreneurs.

Accumulation of water from Mines

2718. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the major collieries with mines which have drowned due to accumulation of water in BCCL;

(b) whether there is any estimate of accumulated water and the rate of accumulation;

(c) if so, the amount of water pumped out and utilised per year;

(d) whether there is any scheme of pumping out water of Dharmabandh Colliery to serve the surrounding locality

and also to free the mines from water with the help of the district administration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) The names of major collieries which were drowned due to accumulation of water in BCCL alongwith the date of drowning are as under :

(i) Gaslitand	September, 1995
(ii) Teturiya	September, 1995
(iii) Dharmaband	September, 1993
(iv) Bhurangiya	September, 1994
(v) ECC Kenduadih	September, 1995

(b) No estimate of accumulated water in these mines has been made, except in the case of Gaslitand colliery where accumulated water is presently estimated at 529 million gallons. Tentative estimates put the rate of water percolation at Gaslitand mine at 200 Gallons per minute in non-monsoon months, which increases to around 2700 Gallons per minute during peak monsoon.

(c) The amount of water pumped out at Gaslitand mine in 1997-98 was around 15 million gallons. There is no arrangement for measuring the discharge of pumped-out water in other mines. Mine discharge ultimately finds its way to river Damodar, from where water is supplied to the local population through various water supply schemes.

(d) and (e) Regular pumping is being done from Dharmaband mine. It is regular practice for sparing some quantity of the water pumped out from the mine for use of the local population as and when requests from district administration are received.

Trade Relation with East Asian Countries

2719. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand trade relation with East Asian countries;

(b) if so, the areas identified therefor;

(c) whether any delegation is proposed to be sent to East Asian countries for a first hand assessment of the situation and prospect for trade and investment in those countries; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to expand trade with the East Asian countries. The areas having potentials