

due to the collapse of Eastern European Socialist countries and their Socialist Governments in the past; and

(b) if so, the estimated loss due to the above facts?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The Union Government have noticed a fluctuation in Bilateral Trade due to the transitional phase of economic

restructuring in the countries of Eastern Europe subsequent to their efforts to adopt a market regulated economy.

(b) It is difficult to quantify the estimated losses in the context of economic restructuring by the countries of Eastern Europe. The detailed trade statistics is given below as per figures provided by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.

(Value in US\$ million)

Year	Exports	%age variation	Imports	%age Variation
1990-91	314.60	—	462.13	—
1991-92	312.71	- 0.60	271.17	- 41.32
1992-93	207.41	- 33.67	299.83	10.57
1993-94	207.57	0.08	182.91	- 38.99
1994-95	155.99	- 24.85	218.41	19.41
1995-96	195.87	25.57	450.71	106.36
1996-97	187.24	- 4.41	325.96	- 27.68
1997-98	194.20	3.72	214.01	- 34.34

[Translation]

Printing of VDIS Forms

5518. SHRI ADITYANATH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various forms for the Voluntary Disclosures of Income Scheme have been printed in English only not bilingually;

(b) if so, the reasons for violating the rules; and

(c) the action taken against the officials found guilty?

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) No Sir. The statutory forms under the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme, 1997 to be filled up by the declarants were printed bilingually.

(b) and (c) Answers to these parts of the question do not arise in view of answer to part (a) of the question.

[English]

Khalsa Panth

5519. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme or plan to encourage tourists during the celebrations of 300 year of the foundation of "Khalsa Panth"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the provision of Central financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 97.64 lakhs for the construction of a Tourist Reception Centre at Anadnpur Sahib, Punjab during 1998-99.

Import of Raw Cashew

5520. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of raw cashew imported during 1997-98;

(b) the countries from which raw cashew are imported;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala imported cashew during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) 2,41,495 M.T.* of cashew nuts valued at Rs. 781 crores were imported during 1997-98.

(b) The major sources of imports* are Tanzania, Guinea Bisu, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Benin, Nigeria.

(c) and (d) The Kerala State Cashew Development Corpn. Ltd. has imported the following quantity/value of raw cashew during 1997-98 £.