

the purchases made by the 100% Export-oriented units.

[*Translation*]

Trade Delegations to foreign countries

1542. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the delegations of traders to accompany the official group as its part during the visits to foreign countries to boost trade and industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Inclusion of non officials to accompany the official groups during visits abroad for promotion of trade and industry is considered on case to case basis depending on requirements.

[*English*]

Construction of Yatri Niwas to Kumaon Hills (U.P.)

1543. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for construction of a Yatri Niwas in Kumaon hills (U.P.).

(b) If so, the location thereof; and

(c) the time by which funds are likely to be sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*].

Replacement of Low Power Transmitter located at Nanital, U.P.

1544. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the lower power television relay transmitter located at Nainital;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far and by what time the task of shifting the television transmitter is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The development of the new site selected for the purpose has been completed and the construction of the transmitter building is in progress. The project is envisaged to be completed during 1991.

[*English*]

Bank Fraud Involving Rs. 12 Crores

1545. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of Baroda, the United Bank of India and a number of other banks have been defrauded of about Rs. 12 crores by some Calcutta based firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position of action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) RBI has reported that certain fraudulent transactions were perpetrated in accounts of several concerns at 3 Calcutta branches of Bank of Baroda and some other branches of other banks at Calcutta between June 1983 and March 1984. Bank of Baroda has filed suits against 25 parties for recovery of the dues.

(c) The parties involved are R.K. Jain and Poddar Group of Calcutta. The CBI has investigated the matter and recommended prosecution against 5 officials of the Bank and departmental action on 4 other officials. In the departmental proceedings, the bank exonerated the then DGM in-charge of Inspection, who retired from service in 1988. The then Chief Manager (Inspection) was compulsorily retired on 24-4-88. The then Manager was dismissed from the bank's service. Another officer was warned. Disciplinary proceedings have been taken up in respect of other 5 officials.

SC/ST Employees of H.Z.L. at Udaipur

1546. **SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government policy of providing reservation in promotions is followed fully by Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GO-SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

TFAI Plan for Setting Up more Centres

1547. **SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL:** Will the

Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Fair Authority of India (TFAI) plans to set up more centres like the one at Pragati Maidan in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the places where such centres are proposed to be set up; and

(c) In what way the exhibition infrastructure at the Pragati Maidan in Delhi is proposed to be utilised to the optimum capacity round the year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Trade Fair Authority of India aims at organising trade fairs not only in Delhi but also in other important cities and State capitals. Though there are certain proposals to develop exhibition infrastructure in the metropolitan cities like Bombay, no definite project has emerged.

(c) In order to utilise the infrastructure available at Pragati Maidan TFAI plans to increase specialised commodity fairs with export thrust. It also plans to encourage outside agencies to hire out exhibition space in Pragati Maidan for exhibition purposes.

Export and Import of Minerals

1548. **SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export figures of minor and major minerals during 1988-89 and 1989-90 along with the names of the countries to which the minerals were exported; and

(b) the details of imports of minerals during the above mentioned period along with the names of the countries from which such minerals were imported?