

### **Development of Tourist Spots in Maharashtra**

\*77. SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE:  
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop tourist spots in Maharashtra during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred; and

(d) the time by which the work on those tourist spots is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (d). The Eighth Five Year Plan has yet to be formulated and as such, it is not possible to indicate these details.

### **Expansion of Nationalised Commercial Banks**

\*78. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of nationalised commercial banks during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the policy of Government with regard to the opening of new branches of the nationalised banks in different States and Union Territories; and

(c) the steps being taken to remove regional imbalance with the expansion of banking services to different areas?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). The current Branch Licensing Policy (1985-90) will come to an end on the 31st of March, 1990. The formulation of guidelines for the ensuing Branch Licensing Policy is under the consideration of the Reserve Bank of India.

[*Translation*]

### **Export of Rice to Soviet Union**

\*79. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of rice exported to the Soviet Union during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the companies which exported the rice and the quantity of rice exported by each of them, year-wise;

(c) the procedure followed by Government to grant permission to the above companies to export rice;

(d) whether any complaints have been received about the export of rice to the Soviet Union; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Export Inspection Council, the quantity and value of rice exported to Soviet Union during the last three years; year-wise, and names of exporters are given below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name of exporter</i>	<i>Qty. Lakh/MT</i>	<i>Total Qty. Lakh/MT</i>	<i>Total Value Rs./Crores</i>
1	2	3	4	5
1986-87	M/s. Rama Associates (P) Ltd.	0.38	1.58	118.65
	M/s. Deeksha Holding (P) Ltd.	1.20		
1987-88	M/s. Deeksha Holding (P) Ltd.	1.71	1.71	128.25
1988-89	M/s. Deeksha Holding (P) Ltd.	1.65	1.65	129.17

(c) Export of basmati rice is allowed under Open General Licence (OGL) subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) as may be fixed by the Government from time to time and compulsory pre-shipment inspection.

(d) and (e). No complaints have been received from the buyers in USSR.

[English]

#### **Steps to Attract Tourists to Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

\*80. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:  
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps contemplated by Union Government to attract more tourists to Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) the schemes sanctioned for the

development of tourism in the Islands during the last three years; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent thereon so far, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Places of tourist interest in India, including Andaman and Nicobar Islands would continue to be promoted to attract more tourists by publicising these places through production of brochures, films, and advertising campaigns. The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for strengthening tourism infrastructure, based on merit, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

(b) and (c). The Department of Tourism has sanctioned financial assistance for the development of tourism in the Islands during the last three years as per details given scheme-wise below:—

<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Amount released so far (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
Sound and Light Show at Cellular Jail, Port Blair	1987-88	54.78	50.00
Water Sports Equipment	1988-89	49.00	11.00
Yatri Niwas at Havelock	1988-89	41.44	10.00