

The Indian Statistical Institute in its report on "Survey of Foreign Tourists—1982-83" on behalf of Department of Tourism covered tourist arrivals from West Asia. However, this notwithstanding, an indepth study has been recently sanctioned by the Department of Tourism to be conducted by the Indian Statistical Institute on the Market Potential of the West Asia region for determining among other things, socio economic and demographic characteristics of tourists from this region, reasons for visiting India, places and duration of visit, and pattern of expenditure in India.

(b) and (c) Among the steps being taken to attract more tourists from the area are publicising India as a Holiday Destination for which publicity is done in various media in Arabic including advertising over the Arab channel of the TV in Kuwait, Bahrain and Dubai, and through films and slide shows in Arabic. Also undertaken are special promotional functions like Food Festivals, India Workshops and Exhibitions organised by the Tourist Office, often in collaboration with Air India, I.T.D.C. and other agencies

The Department of Tourism additionally invites travel agents and representatives of the Media who contribute articles on India's tourist facilities and tourist spots in India in Arabic newspapers and magazines. Air India the national carriers covers almost all important points in this region.

अफीम का वसूली मूल्य

*495. प्रो० निर्मला कुमारी शक्तावत : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में औषधियों के निर्माण में कितनी मात्रा में अफीम का प्रयोग होता है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा अफीम की वसूली किये जाने के कारण किसानों को अपने अफीम उत्पादन से

पर्याप्त धनराशि प्राप्त नहीं होती और इस प्रकार उन्हें उत्पादन लागत से अधिक धन राशि नहीं मिलती ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार किसानों को निकट भविष्य में राहत प्रदान करने के लिए अफीम के वसूली मूल्य में वृद्धि करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार करेगी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) अफीम और एल्कालायड के सरकारी कारखाने, गाजीपुर तथा नीमच ने औषध-द्रव्यों का निर्माण करने के लिए वर्ष 1982-83 के दौरान लगभग 141 मीट्रिक टन अफीम का इस्तेमाल किया ।

(ख) और (ग) अफीम के मौजूदा देय मूल्य से काश्तकारों को पर्याप्त मेहनताना मिल जाता है । अफीम की मूल्य-संरचना नियत करते समय, इस बात पर ध्यान दिया जाता है कि काश्तकारों को पोस्त की फसल से होने वाली आय उत्पादन-लागत से अधिक हो । काश्तकारों को देय अफीम-मूल्य काश्तकारों द्वारा दी जाने वाली पैदावार से सम्बद्ध होता है और उच्चतर मूल्य उपज-खंड आधार पर अदा किये जाते हैं ।

नारकोटिक विभाग के वार्षिक सम्मेलन में काश्तकारों को देय मूल्य सहित पोस्त की काश्त से संबंधित विभिन्न मुद्दों पर विचार किया जाता है और यह सम्मेलन सरकार के विचारार्थ सरकार से सिफारिशें करता है । पोस्त की काश्तवाले क्षेत्रों में काश्त की गई अन्य नकदी फसलों से होने वाली आय की तुलना में पोस्त की फसल से होने वाली आय, अफीम की अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार स्थिति, आदि बातों को मद्देनजर रखकर यह सम्मेलन काश्तकारों को देय अफीम-मूल्य सम्बन्धी प्रश्न

की जांच करता है। तदनुसार, 1984-85 की फसल के संबंध में काश्तकारों को देय अफीम मूल्य संबंधी प्रश्न की जांच, सभी संगत बातों को ध्यान में रखकर उचित समय पर की जाएगी।

Export of Marine Products

*496. SHRI AMARSINH
RATHAWA :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of marine products exported during the years 1981-82 and 1982-83 and the target fixed for the year 1983-84 and the efforts being made to achieve the target ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some multi-national Companies and big industrial houses are engaged in the export of marine products ; if so, the amount of marine products exported by them during the above period ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a declining trend in the export of marine products ; if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the export of marine products during the coming years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :

(a) to (d) The value of marine products exported was 286 crores during 1981-82, Rs. 361 crores during 1982-83 and the target for 83-84 is Rs. 360 crores. Export from April to December '83 have been higher than the exports from April to December '82 both in value and quantity.

Multi-national companies and big in-

dustrial houses can also engage in such exports subject to processing their own catch. The value of exports by them was Rs. 26.96 crores in 81-82, and Rs, 28.85 crores in 82-83.

Steps taken to achieve the target fixed for 83-84 and envisaged to improve exports in the coming years include chartering of foreign deep sea fishing vessels, promotion of prawn farming, joint ventures for deep sea fishing, diversified fisheries, improvement in fishing gear & craft, modernisation of processing plants and encouragement for value added items.

Import by Handicapped people specially Devised car

*497. SHRI MANOHAR LAL
SAINI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many handicapped people were given the import licence to buy specially advised car during the last three years and how many were refused the import licence with reasons thereof ; and

(b) the details of the import policy on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) (i) Information about number of applications received and licences issued for import of cars under Physically Handicapped category by CCI & E during the last three years, is given as under :-