

Development of Tourism in Orissa State

*175. SHRI LAKSHMAN MAL-LICK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop tourism in the State of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) and (b). For developing tourism in Orissa it is proposed to take up the following schemes in the Central Sector:—

(i) Construction of a 30-room forest lodge at Simlipal National Park at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 lakhs by the Department of Tourism.

(ii) Expansion of the existing Travellers Lodge/construction of beach cottages at Konark by the India Tourism Development Corporation.

(iii) Construction of a hotel at Puri by the India Tourism Development Corporation.

Curtailment of Import of Certain Essential Commodities by S.T.C.

*176. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked State Trading Corporation to curtail import of certain essential commodities;

(b) if so, the names of those commodities; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Trade Protocol with USSR

*177. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade protocol has been signed to increase exports to Soviet Union during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details regarding the new items which have been included; and

(c) the details regarding the Indian items which have become favourite with Soviet Union?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A trade protocol has been signed with the USSR for 1980 which provides for a total trade turnover of Rs. 1900 crores. Exports to the Soviet Union in 1980 are expected to increase over the year 1979.

(b) Engineering items like steam boilers, incinerators, thermo-blocks, printing machines and other items such as cotton sewing thread, cotton hosiery etc. have been introduced in the trade protocol for the first time.

(c) Many consumer items from India like cosmetics, spectacle frames, handicrafts, instant coffee, cigarettes, detergents etc. have become popular in the Soviet Union.

Re-introduction of "Voluntary declaration Scheme" to plug Black Money

*178. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT:

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount of black money in the country as on the 31st December, 1979;