

years has been made and if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government had proposed to set up some hostels to attract tourists in the country; and

(c) if so, the progress achieved in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. The details are furnished in the publication "India Tourist Statistics" which is issued each year.

Tourist arrivals together with percentage increase during last three years were as follows:—

Year	Tourist Arrivals	Percentage Increase
1970	280·821	14·8
1971	300·995	7·2
1972	342·950	13·9

(b) and (c). A chain of 17 Youth Hostels is being put up throughout the country at the following locations:—

1. Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
2. Amritsar (Punjab)
3. Bhopal (M.P.)
4. Dalhousie (H.P.)
5. Darjeeling (West Bengal)
6. Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
7. Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)
8. Kamalpur (near Hampi) (Mysore)
9. Jaipur (Rajasthan)

10. Madras (Tamil Nadu)
11. Nainital (Uttar Pradesh)
12. Panaji (Goa)
13. Panchkula (Haryana)
14. Pondicherry
15. Puri (Orissa)
16. Patni Top (J. & K.)
17. Trivandrum (Kerala)

The Youth Hostel at Jaipur has already been commissioned. The Youth Hostels at Gandhinagar, Madras, Bhopal and Hyderabad are approaching completion and the remaining Youth Hostels are likely to be ready for commissioning before 31st March, 1973.

#### Foreign aid

\*373. SHRI P. K. DEO:  
SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign aid which the country has received during 1972-73, country-wise;

(b) whether it has declined as compared to the aid received in the previous years; and

(c) if so, to what extent this will upset the planning targets and how the gap in foreign aid is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) Agreements for an amount of \$ 905.53 million (approximately Rs. 659.23 crores) have been signed with foreign countries during 1972-73. The country-wise details are placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decline in fresh foreign aid commitments is not expected to affect the implementation of Plan Projects

included in the Fourth Plan. The foreign exchange gap will have to be met by vigorous measures of import substitution and export promotion and judicious use of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

### Statement

Country	Project Aid	Non-Project aid other than debt relief	Debt Relief	Total	
					U. S. \$ Million
1. Australia	..	0.50	2.40	2.90	
2. Belgium	..	3.33	1.67	5.00	
3. Canada	7.30	58.30	1.84	67.44	(of which grants \$12.56 million)
4. Denmark	..	5.70	0.07	5.77	
5. France	59.20	25.00	6.60	90.80	
6. Germany W.	..	50.31	36.65	86.96	(of which grants \$ 6.82 million)
7. Italy	..	..	13.94	13.94	
8. Japan	5.74	33.20	38.23	81.17	
9. Netherlands	..	19.11	2.60	21.7	(of which grants \$ 0.72 million)
10. Sweden	10.60	53.01	0.76	64.37	(of which grants \$ 26.83 million)
11. U. K.	41.60	78.00	20.80	140.40	
12. U. S. A.	21.95	..	29.12	51.07	
13. I.D.A.	199.00	75.00	..	274.00	
	<u>349.39</u>	<u>401.46</u>	<u>154.68</u>	<u>905.53</u>	
(Approximately Rs. crores)	<u>254.36</u>	<u>292.26</u>	<u>112.61</u>	<u>659.23</u>	

\*Besides, debt service payment of \$29.12 million (approximately Rs. 21.20 crores) has been mutually agreed to be postponed in the case of USA and the agreement is expected to be signed soon.

#### Fixing the Prices of Raw Material Imported through State Agencies

\*374. SHRI P. GANGADEB:  
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted more than one criterion for fixing the prices of raw materials imported through State agencies;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the criteria adopted; and