

Review of Excise Duty on Tea

*559. SHRI K. B. CHETTRI: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review of excise duty on tea in all the Tea Zones on uniform basis is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) to (c). Some representations have been received from the tea industry requesting for restructuring of existing Zones for the purpose of levying excise duties as well as for the revision of the rates of duties on teas. No final decision has been taken on these representations.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस द्वारा प्रचार और विज्ञापनों पर व्यय

*561. श्री छीतुबाई गमित : क्या पर्यटन और वायु विभाग में भी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने गत तीन वर्षों के प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान प्रचार और विज्ञापनों पर कितना व्यय किया; और

(ख) क्या यह व्यय प्रयोजन के लिये पर्याप्त था ?

पर्यटन और वायु विभाग में भी (श्री पुष्पेन्द्रजी शर्मा) : (क) इंडियन एयरलाइंस द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रचार एवं विज्ञापनों पर किया गया व्यय निम्न प्रकार था :—

1975-76	13.21 लाख रुपए
1976-77	28.82 लाख रुपए
1977-78	37.76 लाख रुपए

(ख) प्रचार तथा विज्ञापन क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत होने वाले व्यय में जनसंचारियों, टी.वी.कों, वार्षिक रिपोर्टों, गृह पत्रिकाओं, वित्तपर इतिहास प्रकाशनों आदि के अलावा बीबी सीटी पर होने वाला व्यय भी सम्मिलित है। इस क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत किया जाने वाला प्रत्येक आयोजन तथा विज्ञापन के पहलुओं को धृष्टि में रखकर किया जाता है।

Tourist Hotel, in Saharsa, Purnea and Araria

*562. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to start some Tourist Hotels in Saharsa and Purnea District of Bihar in general and Araria in particular as these are border districts of India; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). Due to constraint on resources and inter-se-priorities there is no proposal to construct tourist hotels in Saharsa and Purnea districts of Bihar and Araria by Government or any of its public sector undertakings.

Luther Committee Report on Improvement of Bank Operations

*564. SHRI S. JAGANNATHAN: SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Luther Committee report on improvement of bank operations has been taken up for implementation;

(b) the reasons why the report was kept in cold storage so long; and

(c) the concrete action proposed on the basis of the Report to streamline banking operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) to (c). The Reserve Bank appointed an internal committee consisting exclusively of its own officers headed by Shri J. C. Luther to go into the question of Productivity, Efficiency and Profitability in commercial banks. The views