

(d) what efforts Government are making to bridge the gap in foreign trade earnings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) There has been an increase in exports from about Rs. 7,655.57 crores during April-December 1985 to Rs. 8,978.43 crores during April-December, 1986.

(b) According to the available data, 99 units under the 100 per cent Export-Oriented Units (100 per cent EOUs) Scheme and 209 units under the Schemes for Export Processing Zones (EPZs) are functioning.

(c) Export earnings from the 100 per cent Export-Oriented Units and EPZ Schemes, during 1983-84 and 1984-85 are given below:—

(In Rs. crores)

	1983-84	1984-85
100% EOUs	59.14	104.23
EPZs	196.06	334.53

(d) A series of initiatives have been taken by the Government to promote exports. These are designed to generate surpluses for export and to induce the production of goods contemporary in technology and competitive in prices and to make the exports profitable. Simultaneously, the Government has also initiated a series of steps to promote efficient import substitution, particularly in the sphere in bulk imports.

Covering of Haryana hills by reafforestation

2269. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details and terms of the international project under

which the hills of Haryana are to be covered by reafforestation;

(b) whether Government are aware of the requirements of Rajasthan in this field; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action to execute a similar arrangement under which the hills of Rajasthan can also have the benefit of re-afforestation; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A Social Forestry Project is under implementation in Haryana with financial assistance from the World Bank (IDA) and the Danish Government (DANIDA). The project is estimated to cost US \$ 39.2 million, (Rs. 33.31 crores) of which sharing between the donors and the recipient is: IDA \$ 16.9 million (Rs. 146.6 million) DANIDA \$ 2.3 million (Rs. 19.5 million) and Government of Haryana \$ 20.0 million (Rs. 170.0 million). The project envisages raising of forest plantations on 67,000 ha. of degraded forest areas and other wastelands all over the State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In Rajasthan, an externally aided Social Forestry Project is already under implementation for a period of 5 years from 1985-86 to 1989-90, with a total investment of US \$ 32.7 million equivalent to Rs. 391.9 million.

Tourist centres in Madhya Pradesh

2270. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of potential tourist centres or spots being developed by the Central Government in Madhya

Pradesh during Seventh Plan period; and

(b) the steps taken by the Central Government to boost up tourism in Madhya Pradesh during Sixth and Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned funds for tourism related schemes in Madhya Pradesh as detailed below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount released	Year
1. Construction of Cafeteria at Sanchi	8.32	2.00	1985-86
2. Wayside amenities at Keskai (Bastar)	4.90	2.00	1985-86
3. Wayside facilities with accommodation at Deori.	13.71	2.00	1985-86
4. Tourist Complex at Jagdalpur	31.86	5.00	1985-86
5. Chandela Cultural Centre, Khajuraho	22.00	5.00	1985-86
6. Sound & Light Show at Gwalior	28.83	15.00	1985-86
7. Mini Buses for Bandhavgarh National Park.	4.06	3.60	1986-87
8. Mini Buses for Kanha National Park	2.03	1.80	1986-87
9. Mini bus for Shivpuri National Park	2.02	1.80	1986-87

(b) Upon receipt of detailed proposals, financial assistance is accorded depending on the merits of the project, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. Rs. 92.64 lakhs and Rs. 61.65 lakhs have been released during the VIth Plan and the first two years of the VIIth Plan respectively. Further, the Union Government have taken, inter-alia, the following steps to promote tourism in Madhya Pradesh:

Overseas publicity and promotion, printing of literature and encouraging the construction of private sector hotels.

Sick textile mills

2271. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sick textile mills in the country can be replaced by modern powerloom structure; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):

(a) and (b) The replacement of weaving capacity in the organised mill sector by powerlooms in the decentralised sector is not envisaged in the June, 1985 Textile Policy.

Bodh Ghat Project and Ban Sagar Project etc.

2272. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress on Bodh Ghat Project, Ban Sagar Project, Tons Hydel Project