

Foreign tourists inflow to India

276. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign tourists who visited India during the year 1985-86 and till June, 1986;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned during the year 1985-86 on this account;

(c) what steps are being taken to boost foreign tourists inflow into the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to promote domestic tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SYED): (a) The number of foreign tourists, excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, who visited India during 1985-86 and in the first 3 months of 1986-87 are as given below:

	Number
1985-86	875,575
1986-87 (up to June)	185,375

(b) The latest provisional estimate of tourism earnings available from the Reserve Bank of India is for the year 1984-85 and the estimate is Rs. 1300 crores.

(c) The steps initiated to boost foreign tourists inflow into the country include reorientation of publicity campaigns giving emphasis on consumer advertising, stepping-up of public relations with overseas media agencies, tour operators and travel agents abroad, participation in international travel fairs and exhibitions, development of infrastructural facilities and improvement of transport systems including airlines capacity and permitting tourist charters.

(d) The steps being taken to promote domestic tourism in the country include construction of low-priced accommodations of Yatri Niwases and Yatrikas in all the States/U.Ts., promotion of packages spe-

cially for the youths and provision of wayside facilities along important roads. Special publicity campaigns are also undertaken to create awareness among the people about domestic tourism.

Economic sanctions against South Africa

277. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY;

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the declaration of emergency by South Africa in support of its policy on apartheid; and

(b) what efforts are being made by the Government of India to have a consensus among the commonwealth countries including Britain to enforce economic and political sanctions against the Government of South Africa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Government's policy in regard to apartheid and the repressive actions of the regime in South Africa is well-known.

(b) As envisaged under the Commonwealth Accord on Southern Africa, adopted at Nassau in October 1985, a review of progress in the achievement of the objectives outlined in the Accord will be carried out at a Mini Summit of Seven Commonwealth countries scheduled in London from 3 to 5 August, 1986. The (Mini Summit will provide an opportunity to seek a Commonwealth Consensus, including Britain, on the question of sanctions against South Africa.

Seizure of Heroin, Hashish, etc.

278. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total seizure of illegal drugs like heroin and hashish so far in the country during the current year;