

Reduction of duty on viscose staple fibre

129. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to reduce duty on viscose staple fibre; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Some representations have been received in this regard and these are under consideration.

Export Advisory Panel

130. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Export Advisory Panel to suggest new incentives for giving a thrust to export promotion during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The government proposes to set up a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary to review export promotion measures and policies.

(b) The composition of the Committee and its terms of reference shall be announced shortly.

Decline of tourist trade to hill stations

131. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn that there has been decline of tourists to the hill resorts

in the country due to lack of water, rest houses and proper transport facilities for domestic middle class tourists; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to develop the hill stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism does not maintain statistical information on domestic tourist traffic to specific tourist centres, including hill resorts. Further, no specific case has been brought to the attention of the Department of Tourism regarding the decline of tourist traffic to, a hill resort on account of lack of water, rest houses and proper transport facilities for domestic middle class tourists.

Development of tourist facilities in the hills as well as in the plains, for domestic tourists is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, The Central Department of Tourism, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in the development of facilities at tourist centres of national and/or international importance, subject to availability of funds and *inter se* priority.

Bank robberies

132. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI:

SHRI LAXMI NARAIN:"

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of robberies which took place in the Nationalised Banks in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, separately, during the last two years; and

(b) what is the number of persons apprehended and the amount recovered- so far in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI
JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) ana

(b) Information readily available in-
respect of 28, public setcor banks
as follows:

{Rs, in lakhs approx}

Year	Name of the State	No. of cases of dacoities/ robberies	No. of per- sons arrested	Amount rscovered
1982	Punjab	5	12	0-24
	Haryana	4	6	4-40
	Rajasthan	2	5	0.17
1981	Punjab	23	11	010
	Haryana	6	3	3.87
	Rajasthan	4	3	0.14

**Development of tourism and construction
of hostels in the States**

133. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN:
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND
CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States to which
funds were allotted during the last two years
for the development of tourism and
construction of hostels and what were the
amounts so allotted to the States;

(b) the names of the States where the
funds lapsed due to non-utilisation by the
State Governments concerned; and

(c) the number of tourist hostels-
proposed to be constructed at tourist spots in
Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the current
year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL
AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM
KHAN): (a) A list showing the names of
States and the amount of funds released to
them for the development of tourism for
specific projects and activities under the
Central Department of Tourism during 1982-
83 and 1983-84 is given below:

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Sl. No.	State	1982-83	1983-84
1	Assam		1000
2	Bihar	41.69	22-59
3	Gujarat	4.36	
4	Himachal Pradesh		
5	Jammu and Kashmir	9.75	13-81
6	Karnataka	0.70	17.50
7	Kerala		
8	Madhya Pradesh	34.12	10.00
9	Maharashtra		2.80