

### **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) and

(b) Information readily available in  
respect of 28 public sector banks is  
as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs approx)

Year	Name of the State	No. of cases of dacoities/ robberies	No. of persons arrested	Amount recovered
1982	Punjab	5	12	0.24
	Haryana	4	6	4.49
	Rajasthan	2	5	0.17
1983	Punjab	23	11	0.10
	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 KHURSHED  
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:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	1982-83	1983-84
1	Assam	..	10.00
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	..	2.82