

of Technical Development, there is no firm in the small scale sector engaged in the manufacture of beer.

(b) There are 30 units engaged in the manufacture of beer of which 7 have exported beer in small quantities. The exports of beer during the year 1978-79 amounted to 1,65,889 litres valued at Rs. 6.34 lakhs.

(c) Of the firms reporting production to the Directorate General of Technical Development which is estimated to be of the order of 1,40,000 kilolitres of beer, an estimated quantity of 50,900 kilolitres was produced by concerns belonging to houses registered under the MHTP Act.

Exploration of gold mines

145. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:
SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-
RAOJI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any programme to explore hidden mines of precious metals like gold in some parts of the country, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, with expected weight of metal and estimated value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides Gold exploration, which is already in progress in Southern part of Kolar Schist Belt, Andhra Pradesh; Hutti Maski Schist Belt in Raichur district and Hosur Yelishirur blocks in Gadag Gold Field in Dharwar district, Karnataka, Singhbhum district, Bihar and Keonjhar district, Orissa, the Geological Survey of India has also taken up high priority Gold exploration programme in the Northern part of Kolar Schist Belt in Karnataka.

Major resources of Gold so far estimated include Gold bearing rock of 0.3 million tonnes with 5.5 gram-

mes per tonne in Mallappakonda area, Chittoor district and over 3.1 million tonnes of gold bearing rock in Kolar Gold Field, Karnataka. In Gadag Gold Field over 0.56 million tonnes of gold bearing rock in Mopla Lode, in Hutti Gold Field 0.06 million tonnes and in Anantapur Gold Field (A.P.), 1.64 million tonnes of resources of gold have been estimated by Geological Survey of India and other agencies. Gold content generally ranges from 5 to 8 grammes per tonne.

Impact of Iraq-Iran war on tourist traffic to India

146. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the likely impact of Iraq-Iran war on the tourist traffic to India during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): From the comparative figures of tourist arrivals given below it will be seen that the impact of Iraq-Iran war on tourist traffic to India has so far been negligible:—

Period	Tourist arrival growth
Jan.— Aug., 1979	5.3%
Jan.— Aug., 1980	4.4%
Jan.— Sept., 1979	4.4%
Jan.— Sept., 1980	4.1%
Jan.— Oct., 1979	3.5%
Jan.— Oct., 1980	3.3%

Steering Committee for promotion of exports of small sector products

147. SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has constituted a Steering Com-

mittee for the promotion of exports of the small sectors' products;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the Committee and the products which have been selected for export;

(c) whether any suitable strategy for developing exports of the small industries' sector has been formulated; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of members of the Committee is annexed.

The Committee has identified some major product groups on which the efforts may have to be concentrated. These include engineering goods, leather manufactures, sports goods, marine products, processed food and chemicals and plastics.

(c) and (d) The Committee has not made any final recommendations so far and is still studying matters in consultation with various Export Promotion Organisations, State Governments, Voluntary Associations of Small Scale Industries and other concerned organisations.

List of members of the Steering Committee for the promotion of exports of the small sector products

Chairman

1. Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, New Delhi.

Members

2. Export Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.

3. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Economic Affairs, New Delhi.

4. Joint Secretary (SSI), Ministry of Industry; New Delhi.

5. Additional Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.

6. Executive Director, Trade Development Authority, New Delhi.

7. Chairman or his Nominee, State Trading Corporation of India, New Delhi.

8. Secretary General, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, Allahabad Bank Building; Parliament Street; New Delhi.

9. President, Council of State Small Industries Corporation of India; Baba Kharag Singh Marg, New Delhi.

10. Executive Director, Engineering Export Promotion Council, Surya Kiran Building, K. G. Road, New Delhi.

11. Chairman, Gujarat State Export Corporation, Ahmedabad.

12. Chairman, N.S.I.C., New Delhi.

Member Secretary

13. Director (Export Promotion), Office of the D.C. (SSI), New Delhi.

Computerisation in Income-tax Department

148. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has lately been considering a proposal for re-introduction of computerisation in the Income-tax Department;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government have consulted the employees' representatives in this regard; if so, what is their reaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA):

(a) The feasibility of introducing computerisation in a limited area of