

Tax arrears due from film stars

1333. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are tax arrears due to be paid by film stars; and

(b) whether any tax evasion case has been proceeded against any of them within the last three years; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b) The requisite information will be collected in respect of film actors/actresses against whom the outstanding demand as on 31-3-80 exceeds Rs. 100,000 and laid on the Table of of the House as soon as possible.

Decline in export of tea

1334. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's tea exports to Britain in particular and to other countries in general have declined during the last six months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is specific programme for boosting India's trade?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Exports of Indian tea to U.K. increased to 29.14 m.kgs. in the first four months of 1980 for which figures are available against 25.74 m.kgs. during the same period of the last year. Overall exports of tea have also risen during this period as compared is corresponding exports in the previous year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Promotional efforts in U.K. and other countries have been intensified.

Development of tourist centres in Bihar

1335. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the development of tourist centres at historical places in Madhubani district in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDRALAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraint on resources necessitating a selective approach to tourism planning, the emphasis in the Central Sector is on developing tourist facilities primarily at centres which are already popular with international tourists or have the potential to attract them. With this end in view, tourist facilities are being developed at Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Nalanda in Bihar which attract a large number of Buddhist pilgrims from India and abroad.

Mineral resources

1336. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for tapping the mineral resources of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The formulation and implementation of projects for exploitation of mineral resources, whether in central State, or