

Sl. No.	Period of tour and Countries visited	Purpose
8	10-6-77 to 21-6-77 SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, BANGKOK HONG KONG.	To attend Indo-Korea Joint Business Council Meeting and Meeting of the confederation of Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Korea and on behalf of Public Sector as nominated by the Government and enroute discussions in Japan, Thailand and Hong Kong with various organisations including ESCAP for Projects in South East Asia.

*Expenditure :—*

In Rupees : Rs. 23,316.00

In Foreign Exchange : \$ 640

- 9 13-11-77 to 8-12-77  
BELGIUM, UK, FRANCE, ITALY,  
WEST GERMANY, SWITZERLAND,  
AUSTRIA

Nominated by the Government to lead a Delegation of Indian Consultancy and Construction Firms to EEC Countries under the auspices of India—EEC Joint Council. Discussions with UNIDO in Vienna and UNCTAD in Geneva for exploring possibilities of NIDC's assistance in international projects.

*Expenditure :—*

In Rupees : Rs. 6,449.00

In Foreign Exchange : US \$ 1688

(d) While it is difficult to quantify precisely the benefits that accrued as the outcome of each visit, the Corporation received overseas assignments during 1976-77 valued at approximately Rs. 53 lakhs representing an increase of approximately 270 per cent over the previous year. This include assignments valued at approximately Rs. 35.5 lakhs in foreign exchange that have so far materialised out of various assignments on which the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Corporation has had discussions and negotiations during his tours under reference.

## लाटरियों से होने वाली आय

1139. श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह :

श्री सीताराम केसरी :

श्री भैरव चन्द्र महन्ती :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधान मंत्री ने हाल ही में यह विचार व्यक्त किया है कि लाटरियों से होने वाली आय जूए का ही दूसरा रूप है ;

(ख) क्या यह मंच है कि केन्द्र सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को लाटरियों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिए कोई निर्देश जारी किए हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में राज्य सरकारों ने क्या प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त की है ?

†[Income from lotteries]

1139. SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA MAHANTI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently described the income accruing from the lotteries in the various States as another form of gambling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have issued any directions to the State Governments to ban the lotteries; and

(c) if so, what is State Governments' response in the matter?]

गृह मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री धनिक लाल मण्डल) : (क) सरकार जानती है कि जूए के कई तरीकों की तरह लाटरियां कुशलता पर नहीं अवसर पर आधारित हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) Government are aware that, like many forms of gambling, lotteries are based on chance rather than skill.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.]

†[ ] English translation.

Import of cotton

1140. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN:

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the quantity of cotton imported during the last three years and the names of the countries from which it was imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): During the last three years 10,99,313 bales (170 Kg. each) of cotton were imported from Sudan, Egypt, U.S.A., Mexico Paraguay, Pakistan, Afghanistan, West Africa, Guatemala, Argentina, Central America, Brazil, U.S.S.R., Iran, Nicaragua and Tanzania.

भारत में उपग्रह छोड़ने की सुविधा वाले केन्द्र की स्थापना

1141. श्री गुरुदेव गुप्ता : क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अंतरिक्षयान या उपग्रहों को अंतरिक्ष में छोड़ने के लिए सभी उपकरणों और लांचिंग पैड से सज्जित केन्द्र की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उस पर कितना व्यय होने की संभावना है ?