

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The quantity and the value of India's exports of footwear to Britain during the first seven months of 1975 are as under :—

| | 1975 (January-July) | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Quantity (in lakh pairs) | Value (in lakh Rs.) |
| Leather footwear | 3.44 | 38 |
| Rubber/Canvas footwear | 5.88 | 42 |

(b) and (c) Britains footwear imports from India are mainly rubber/Canvas footwear and leather footwear having rubber soles. On account of higher price of indigenous rubber and consequent cost escalation, our footwear became uncompetitive in Britain resulting in lower off-take.

Development of Tourism in Maharashtra

*324. SHRI S. W. DHABE : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposals received from Maharashtra Government for development of tourism in that State during the Fifth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the details of the proposals approved by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No new schemes/proposals have been received from the Government of Maharashtra for development of tourism in the Central Sector during the Fifth Five Year Plan period. However, the State Government suggested that the schemes relating to the construction of Tourist Bungalows at Poona, Pandharpur and Shir-di, camping and caravanning site at Aurangabad which could not be taken up due to constraint on resources in the Fourth Five Year Plan, may be considered for inclusion in the Fifth Five Year Plan. The feasibility studies, however, did not justify taking up the Tourist Bungalows at Poona, Pandharpur and Shir-di in the Central sector.

(b) A camping and caravanning site at Aurangabad is expected to be taken up for execution during 1976-77 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.80 lakhs.

Dry port in Haryana

*325. SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Haryana Government have urged the Central Government to have a dry port in Haryana; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Central Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expert Panel is studying the question of feasibility of possible location of a dry port for the Northern region.

Export of Diesel locomotives to Kenya and Iran

*326. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether negotiations are being held for export of 85 diesel locomotives manufactured by the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi to Kenya and Iran?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : No, Sir.

Appointments in Clerical Cadre and Class IV Cadre in Nationalised Banks

*327. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of appointments made by each of the nationalised banks in the clerical cadre and class IV cadre in the year 1975;

(b) the number of reserve vacancies in clerical cadre and Class IV cadre for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which were worked out taking into account the backlog and maintenance of vacancies in each of the nationalised banks in the year 1975;

(c) the number of appointments made in the year 1975 to fill the reserved vacancies;

(d) Whether the backlog was wiped out; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?