

(c) and (d) An expenditure of Rs. 257.59 lakhs has been incurred in the Central Sector till 31-12-1975 towards the completion of the first phase of the Kovalam beach resort project. The nature and scope of additional facilities to be provided at Kovalam will be determined after the response to the facilities already provided has been assessed in order to ensure economic viability of any new facilities that are to be provided.

Consumption loans to the rural poor

411. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of consumption loans given by nationalised banks to the rural poor during the last year and the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : There is no statistical classification of bank advances for agriculture as consumption loans and loans for other purposes and hence it is difficult to give the data required.

However, it may be mentioned that there is an element of consumption-finance included in the scale of finance in respect of all crop loans.

Nylon Yarn

412. SHRI RAMLAL D. PARIKH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of Nylon Yarn in the country ;

(b) what is the total consumption of Nylon Yarn in Gujarat ; and

(c) what will be its estimated consumption by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) The table shows the production of Nylon Yarn in the country since 1973 :—

| Year | Quantity (Tonnes) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1973 | 11350 |
| 1974 | 10198 |
| 1975 (Jan. Nov). | 12375 |

(b) Separate statistics of Statewise consumption of Nylon Yarn are not maintained.

(c) 21.000 tonnes.

Export of shoes and chappals to Soviet Union

413. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a heavy demand for Indian shoes and chappals in the Soviet Union ;

(b) if so, the quantities of shoes and chappals exported in 1975 and proposed to be exported in 1976 ; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned or likely to be earned on that account during the above period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Soviet Union is one of the main buyers of Indian shoes and chappals.

| (b) | Actual exports 1975 (Jan.- Dec.) (Lakh pairs) | Esti- mates 1976 (Jan.- Dec.) (Lakh pairs) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leather | 10.22 | 18.00 |
| Chappals | 3.13 | 3.00 |

| | crores Rs. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| (c) Actual foreign exchange earned during 1975 (January-December) | 4.95 |
| Estimated foreign earning during 1976 (January-December) | 8.80 |