

Government to Government credit, while the balance Rs. 12.5 crores is in the form of a suppliers' credit to organisations both in the public and private sectors. Against the Government to Government credit one contract of Rs. 3.78 crores for microwave equipment for the Bombay-Madras and Mangalore-Trivandrum routes has been signed. Against the suppliers' credit, contracts for Vir Hydro Electric Power Project and for supply of machinery for the Manufacture of electric lamps have been signed. The total value of these contracts is Rs. 1.6 crores.

(b) The slow utilisation of the credit is accounted for mainly by the advance made by indigenous production in areas where imports were anticipated. It has now been possible, however, to identify some possibilities for the further utilisation of the credit.

SETTING UP OF MOTELS AND CAMPING SITES IN THE COUNTRY

473. SHRIMATI SITA DEVI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments' consideration to set up motels and camping sites for tourists throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes sir. To provide way-side amenities for tourists travelling by road, Government have under consideration a scheme to provide camping sites and motels on road routes where the density of tourist traffic is high.

(b) The pattern proposed to be followed in putting up camping sites is that the State Government concerned would make available free of cost fully developed land of about 2 acres at a suitable location and also provide electricity and water connections at the site.

Tourism would meet the entire cost of construction. A camping site would have a capacity for about 15 to 20 campers and carry such equipment to be given on hire as tents, mattresses, table lamps, stoves, folding chairs and tables etc. General amenities at the site would include wash rooms, toilets, grocery store snack bar, direct electricity and distributory water connections with plugs at each camping platform. While space will be provided for parking of cars alongside camping platforms, there will be a separate parking area for large vehicles such as coaches and mini-buses.

INDO-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS

474. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Washington, he had held talks with U.S. Government on Indo-American economic relations;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed in this connection; and

(c) what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The subjects discussed related to P.L. 480 rupee problem, facilities for growth of Indian imports into USA and IDA replenishment. Both sides gained a better appreciation of each other's thinking on these issues.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ASIAN COUNTRIES

475. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply to starred Question No. 554 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1973 and state the details of the consumer goods and raw materials in respect of which "Economic Cooperation" among the Asian Countries is proposed to be fostered under the

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A C GEORGE) Among the schemes for economic cooperation in the Asian region are included —

(i) Schemes for plan harmonisation in a number of commodities, and

(ii) An Asian trade Expansion Programme Commodities which have been receiving consideration among the Asian countries are pepper coconut, rubber, rice and timber The Pepper Community, the Asian Coconut Community and the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries have been formed An Asian Rice Trade Fund has also been conceived and it is expected to become operational in the near future Inter governmental consultations have been held on timber and timber products

The Asian Trade Expansion Programme envisages, among developing countries of the region, exchange of tariff and non tariff concessions as also preferential and long-term arrangements in state trading, Government and bulk purchases, joint action in commodities and industrial joint ventures The negotiations, which are expected to begin later this year, could cover any or all the items in which participating developing countries have export capabilities and offer import opportunities These items could, therefore, include raw materials, consumer goods and capital goods Products and goods in which India has export capability and the developing countries of the region appear to offer import opportunities are given in the annexure This list may have to be modified as more information is exchanged among the developing countries

STATEMENT

Fish and Fish preparation

Fruits and Vegetables

Sugar

Tea

Spices

Tobacco

Crude Animal materials

Crude vegetable materials

Coal, coke and briquettes

Petroleum products

Medicinal and Pharmaceuticals products

Neptha Solvent crude

Leather

Rubber manufactures

Paper and Paper Board

Cotton yarn and Threads

Cotton fabrics

Jute manufactures excluding yarn

Lime and Cement

Iron ore

Mica

Manganese ore

Iron and Steel scrap

Iron and Steel

Manufactures of metals

Pearls, Precious and Semi precious stones

Machinery other than electric

Electric Machinery

Transport equipment

Clothing

Footwear

Developed Cinematograph films.

SHARE OF SPINNERS AND WEAVERS In SILK EXPORT INCENTIVES

476 SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No 700 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1973 and state

(a) the reasons why export incentives in respect of Silk textiles of West Bengal are confined to the exporters only, and