

In the cooperative sector as well refinance is provided by NABARD to State Cooperative Banks on behalf of District Central Cooperative Banks in respect of loans advanced to members of handloom weavers society or to the weaver members of cooperative societies. The rate of interest to be charged from ultimate beneficiary would be 10 per cent per annum.

The refinance facility from NABARD is also available to scheduled commercial banks for the purpose of granting term loan to Handloom Development Corporations for opening or renovation of Sales Emporium and the rate of interest to be charged from ultimate borrower will be 12.5 per cent per annum.

The commercial banks may also extend, outside the refinance scheme of NABARD, composite loans upto Rs. 25,000/- for the purpose of purchase and operation of handlooms. The rate of interest would be 10 per cent per cent per annum in backward areas and 12 per cent per annum in other areas.

Construction of Dharamshalas in M.P.

4978. SHRI SATYANARAYAN PANWAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the place in Madhya Pradesh where Dharmshalas will be constructed under the scheme for setting up Dharamshalas at religious places ;

(b) whether there is any scheme to construct a Dharamshala for pilgrims in Ujjain ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this scheme will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) to (c) In Madhya Pradesh, Yatrikas Dharamshala type of accomodation, have already been

completed at Chitrakoot and Amarkantak. The construction work at Onkreshwar is 80% complete. The construction of Yatrika was also started at Maheshwar which has been temporarily held up for preparing fresh designs to conform with the ancient glory of the place. The Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti also proposes to construct a Yatrika at Ujjain. The land selected, however, has not been transferred to the Samiti by the State Government. This scheme will be taken up when the above formalities are completed.

[English]

Hike in the Prices of Copper, Zinc etc. by M.M.T.C.

4979. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has raised the prices of copper, zinc, tin and antimony ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(c) its effect on the prices of consumer goods manufactured from these non-ferrous metals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MMTC announces the price of non-ferrous Metals as desired by Pricing Committee headed by Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, which determines the prices keeping in view the cost of imported goods and other relevant factors. Prices of Coper, Zinc, Tin and Antimony fixed in November 1986 and percentage increase in these prices over October, 1986 are given below :—

Metal	Price in Nov.' 86 (per metric tonne)	Percentage increase over Oct.' 86
1. Coper Bars	45,000	2.3
2. Continuous Cast Copper wire rods	51,000	2.0
3. Electrolytic High Grade Zinc	29,500	3.5
4. Special High Grade Zinc	29,600	3.5
5. Tin	65,000	6.5
6. Antimony Metal	73,000	1.4