

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of loan taken from IMF is fixed in terms of SDRs and as is the practice with loans designated in foreign currencies/SDR, the same amount has to be repaid in foreign currency/SDR. If the value of foreign currency/SDR rises in terms of rupees, it is to be expected that repayment will be more in rupee terms.

Setting up of Tourist Centres in Konkan Area of Maharashtra

1841. SHRI A. R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of a Tourist Centre in the coastal areas of Konkan region, particularly in Raigad district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will set up hotels and motels in the region to attract the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The State Government

of Maharashtra have identified 30 locations in the coastal area of Konkan region out of which 7 places are in Raigad district.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism does not set up hotels in the country. No proposal has been received from the State Government for setting up of a motel in the region.

Coffee Prices

1842. SHRI D.M. PUTTEE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Steep increase in coffee prices on the cards" appearing in the Indian Express dated 25th February, 1990;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to revise the minimum release price of coffee; and

(c) if so, the reasons for increasing the coffee price in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c). Based on the cost study report of the Cost Accounts Branch, the Minimum release price (MRP) of coffee has been revised w.e.f. 8th March, 1990 as under:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Price Before Revision</i>	<i>Price After Revision</i>	<i>% age increase</i>
Arabica per kg.	Rs. 19.81 per kg.	Rs. 20.37	2.82
Robusta	Rs. 15.90 per kg.	Rs. 16.64 per kg.	4.65
Composite	Rs. 10.18 per point	Rs. 10.57 per point	3.83