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Superior Long Staple				
27. H 4	527	535	535	540
28. Shankar 6	540	550	550	555
29. Shankar 4B (SOU)	—	550	550	555
30. MUC 5 MCU 9 MCU 5. V.T (South India)	547	555	555	555
31. Varalaxmi (Maha.)	485	492	492	497
32. Varalaxmi (Guj.)	547	555	555	555
33. Varalaxmi (MP)]	480	487	487	492
34. Varalaxmi (South India)	568	577	577	577
35. DCH 32	590	600	600	605
36. Suvin	900	900	900	900

(B) The minimum statutory price of raw jute (W-5 Grade in Assam) from 1983-84, to 1986-87 was as under :—

Jute Season (July-June)	Pirce in Rs/quintal
1983-84	185
1984-85	195
1985-86	215
1986-87	225

Scheme for development of Inter-State Tourism

539. SHRI. JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have finalised any scheme for the development of inter-state tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the State-wise layout for the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) The Ministry of Tourism is laying greater emphasis on promoting domestic tourism with

emphasis on the creation of tourism infrastructure in all the States/Union Territories. Under this policy, Forest Lodges, Yatri Niwases, Tourist Lodges, way-side facilities and Yatrikas are being constructed in various parts of the country to provide accommodation to budget tourists. In addition, assistance is also being provided for purchase of vehicles/elephants for viewing wildlife sanctuaries, for purchase of trekking equipment as well as for construction of trekkers huts, etc. The Ministry is also assisting various States in organising major fairs and festivals. All these activities promote inter-state tourism.

Various States/Union Territories organise package tours within and outside

their respective States/UT's for the promotion of inter-state tourist traffic.

(b) Allocation for the development of tourism facilities is not made on State-wise basis.

Performance of Avas Vikas Samiti

540. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of the Avas Vikas Samiti during the last five years, year-wise and the total funds placed at its disposal every year; and

(b) what projects it has taken up in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh since its inception and what is the progress in completing them ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti has completed the construction of a Yatrika each at Amarkantak, Chitrakoot, Kampil, Nandmehar and Bidar. The work is in progress at Omkareshwar, Maheshwar, Dwarkaji, Puri, Karaikal and Vrindavan (B Block). They are also planning to start construction at Srisaillam, Ganga Sagar, Mayapur, Bihar-Sharif, Kedarnath, Rishikesh and Naina Devi. Further, negotiations are in progress for the allocation of suitable land at various other places, by the concerned State Governments.

During the last five years, grant-in-aid as mentioned below was released to the Samiti :—

1981-82	Rs. 5.00 lakhs
1982-83	Rs. 5.00 lakhs
1983-84	Rs. 8.00 lakhs

1984-85 Rs. 17.00 lakhs

1985-86 Rs. 15.00 lakhs

Rs. 50.00 lakhs

(b) The following projects have been taken up in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh :—

(i) Uttar Pradesh :

Kampil, Nand Mehar and Vrindavan (A-Block)-completed. Vrindavan (B-Block).work in progress.

(ii) Madhya Pradesh :

Amarkantak and Chitrakoot—completed.

Omkareshwar and Maheshwer—work in progress.

India's Balance of Trade with Western Countries

541. SHRI ARUNKUMAR NEHRU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative figures of India's export and import during 1984-85 and 1985-86 with UK, USA, France, Italy and USSR; and

(b) the steps being taken to correct our balance of trade if any, with these countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) The position of India's export and import during 1984-85 and 1985-86 in respect of specified countries is as under :—