

(a) the sanctioned strength of the Indian Foreign Service as on the 1st April, 1987;

(b) the number of posts which are lying vacant at present; and

(c) the ratio of the posts of Indian Foreign Service filled up annually through promotions to that filled by direct recruitment during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) 577, including reserves.

(b) 21.

(c) Does not apply as there is no direct recruitment to the Indian Foreign Service except in the Junior Scale. Posts at all other levels are filled through promotions. Promotions from IFS (B) to the Indian Foreign Service are only at the Senior Scale level at which there is no direct recruitment.

#### **Tobacco Buyings of STC**

5225. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Tobacco bought by the State Trading Corporation of India (STC) as on 30 June, 1987;

(b) the tobacco purchased by STC during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to dispose of these stocks by way of exports to other countries as well as by way of sale to domestic cigarette manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) State Trading Corporation

of India (STC) purchased about 1978 tonnes of different farm grades of tobacco of 1987 crop.

(b) No purchases of tobacco were made by STC during 1984, 1985 and 1986.

(c) STC has finalised 2 contracts this year for 1987 crop for a total quantity of 632 MT of exportable grades of tobacco. Efforts are being made to sell balance processed stock.

#### **Master Plan on Tourism for A.P.**

5226. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has prepared a Master Plan on tourism for the State and submitted to Union Government for consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial assistance sought by the State Government and the extent to which Union Government have agreed to provide the same; and

(d) the extent to which such a master plan will attract tourists in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During 1987-88, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded the following proposals to the Central Ministry of Tourism for financial assistance:-