

Export Promotion Council sends its proposals which are examined by the Administrative Section and thereafter submitted to MDA Committee for approval. Based on the approved estimates "on account" grants are released to meet the day-to-day expenditure. After the close of the year, annual accounts duly audited by a Chartered Accountant are received in the Ministry and balance grant due is released.

(b) to (f). Government have received a report from the Council. The matter is under examination.

#### Number of Licences issued for import of Nylon Yarn

5076. SHRI D. D. DESAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of licences issued for the import of nylon yarn since the announcement of the liberalised Import Policy of this yarn in August last and the quantity and the value involved in these licences;

(b) the number of applications pending with Government and the date of application in each case; and

(c) the specific reasons for the delay in issuing licences against each of these applications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) : (a) The particulars of licences issued are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Industrial Licences, Import Licences and Export Licences" copies of which are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) and (c). The applications for import licences are received by the Regional Licensing authorities all over India. Collection of information from these authorities will entail considerable work which may not be commensurate with the result to be achieved.

#### Air Service between Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner

5077. SHRI S. S. SOMANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the lack of quick and convenient mode of transport

in Rajasthan has been a major hurdle to the visit to the desert;

(b) whether it is a fact that tourists who are keen to know what a desert is like cannot have so free an access as they can have in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose for a shuttle or hopping air service between Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner to ensure that foreign tourists are not held up when they reach Jodhpur ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) : (a) to (c). Government are aware of the problem of travel for visiting a desert. Foreign tour operators have shown interest in offering tours to Rajasthan including Jaisalmer and Bikaner. However, due to tight fleet position, Indian Airlines are not in a position to provide a service of the nature referred to. The requirement can be considered if and when the Third-level Feeder Services introduced.

#### Visit of Foreign Tourist to Jaisalmer

5078. SHRI S. S. SOMANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Jaisalmer is attracting more and more tourists;

(b) if so, the number of foreign tourists who visited Jaisalmer and other historical places in Rajasthan; and

(c) whether Central Government has sanctioned some amount for the improvement of tourists spots and providing cheap accommodation ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) (a) and (b). The tourist attractions of Jaisalmer and other historical places in Rajasthan are well known. However, no centre-wise statistics of tourists are maintained by the Central Department of Tourism, and hence the number of tourists who visited Jaisalmer is not known.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism has constructed the following inexpensive accommodation in Rajasthan :

	Rs.
(1) Tourist Bungalow at Jaisalmer . . . . .	7,24,300
(2) Youth Hostel at Jaipur . . . . .	3,58,600