

rates thereof of Basmati and Non-basmati rice exported during the last three years are as follows :-

Year	Basmati			Non-basmati		
	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate
	1995-96	3.73	85067	22806	45.41	371741
1996-97	5.23	124764	23850	19.89	192472	9680
1997-98	5.82	167435	28780	17.22	160038	9294

(Source DGCI & S Calcutta)

(b) The total quantity and value of rice and wheat imported during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	1995-96	80	4.69	8240
1996-97	2	1.87	612676	40375.93
1997-98	77	7.28	1344546	97096.26

(Source DGCI & S Calcutta)

Country-wise details of imports are given in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI & S), Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The import of wheat has been mainly of "Australian Standard white" from Australia, "Canadian Western Red Spring (Grade I & II)" from Canada and "Hard Red Wheat" from Argentina. The data on quality of rice imported is not maintained.

(c) The actual inflow of foreign exchange as a result of export of rice and the outgo for import of wheat is as follows:-

Year	Value : in Rs. Lakhs	
	Exports of Rice	Imports of Wheat
1995-96	456808	1039.19
1996-97	317236	40375.93
1997-98	327473	97096.26

(d) Exports of rice and imports of wheat have been undertaken independently by separate set of importers/exporters.

Development of Naini Jheel and Roshnara Bagh, Delhi as Tourist Spots

1497. SHRI D.S. AHIRE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in "The Hindustan Times" dated May 7, 1998 wherein it has been stated that the Roshnara Bagh and Naini Jheel in Model Town would be developed as major tourist spots of Delhi;

(b) the details of the work undertaken;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Government propose to develop more tourist spots in other parts of the country;

(e) if so, the details of the plan for the current year, State-wise; and

(f) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM : (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Delhi has been asked to prepare the blue prints for development. The State Government has however renovated the Boat Club building and upgraded tourist facilities at Naini Lake.

(d) to (f) The Union Government provides financial assistance to every States/U.T. Governments for the development of tourist spots every year on the basis of specific proposals received from them. All the State Governments have not finalised the project proposals for financial assistance during current year. The Union Ministry of Tourism does not make any prior allocation of funds to State/U.T. Governments in this regard.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts of SC/ST

1498. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI :
SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of posts lying vacant in Banks and the Life Insurance Corporation of

India reserved for the scheduled castes/scheduled tribes and other backward classes; and

(b) the action being taken to fill up these posts during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE): (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) As per the information made available by the public sector banks and Life Insurance Corporation of India, the backlog vacancies in recruitment as on 30.9.1997 (latest available) of SC, ST and OBC are given cadre wise in the attached Statement-I and II respectively. The backlog vacancies remain due to non availability of suitable candidates, ban on recruitment in some of the banks in terms of Memorandum of Understanding signed with Reserve Bank of India, some SC/ST candidates not joining after selection and restriction in the percentage of reservation in any promotional process. However, banks and LIC have informed that steps are being taken by them for recruitment of SC/ST candidates through various channels as per prescribed procedure after observing all formalities.

Statement-I

State-wise break up of backlog vacancies of Clerks and Sub-Staff in Public Sector Banks as on 30.09.1997

(Data Provisional)

Name of the State/ Union Territory	Clerks			Sub-Staff		
	SC	ST	OBC	SC	ST	OBC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	32	28	120	15	25	68
Assam	13	11	14	6	23	18
Bihar	49	33	70	21	15	56
Gujarat	9	31	135	10	68	187
Harayana	51	2	43	8	-	30
Himachal Pradesh	9	4	6	16	10	18

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jammu & Kashmir	1	6	5	1	4	-
Karnataka	71	25	89	48	56	67
Kerala	10	4	20	11	6	37
Madhya Pradesh	43	105	65	59	120	49
Maharashtra	33	97	153	18	148	137
Manipur	1	3	-	2	5	-
Meghalaya	2	1	-	1	11	2
Nagaland	-	4	-	-	1	-
Orissa	81	139	6	14	145	3
Punjab	55	-	63	8	1	55
Rajasthan	24	15	15	17	24	23
Tamil Nadu	57	17	23	9	31	65
Tripura	3	6	4	2	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	122	21	199	53	16	98
West Bengal	87	33	88	76	46	83
Andaman Nicobar Islands	-	2	2	-	1	-
NCT Delhi	58	53	62	23	45	91
Chandigarh	8	1	5	5	-	16
Dadar Nagar	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pondicherry	4	-	1	2	-	-
Goa	4	8	9	5	6	3
Total	828	649	1197	430	807	1106

Note : State Bank of India do not maintain State-wise data instead it has 13 Local Head Offices at Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Patna, Bhopal, Bhubneshwar, Chandigarh, Guwahati and Bangalore. The figures/data of the concerned LHOs has been shown against the State/UT where it is located.

Backlog In Officers cadre

In recruitment in officers' cadre in the public sector banks made on All India Basis, the backlog vacancies as on 30.09.1997 was SC-207, ST-287 and OBC-131.

Statement-II

State-wise break-up of backlog vacancies in Life Insurance Corporation of India as on 30.09.1997

(Data Provisional)

Name of the State/ Union Territory	Class-II			Class-III			Class-IV			Class-IV(S)		
	SC	ST	OBC	SC	ST	OBC	SC	ST	OBC	SC	ST	OBC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
West Bengal	—	1	5	9	7	25	—	—	6	3	4	—
Bihar	—	—	—	8	5	20	2	3	29	—	—	—
Orissa	—	—	1	2	6	4	—	—	2	—	1	—
Assam	—	—	—	4	4	4	1	1	—	—	1	—
Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manipur	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tripura	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Andaman	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goa	—	1	1	1	5	11	—	—	—	—	1	—
Gujarat	—	11	1	4	28	25	1	3	1	—	3	—
Maharashtra	2	23	15	15	44	130	1	9	15	2	1	4
Rajasthan	2	1	1	31	32	22	1	—	30	1	—	—
Punjab	3	—	8	31	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haryana	—	—	—	10	—	27	1	—	1	—	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	—	8	2	—	2	7	—	—	5	—	—	—
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	3	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
New Delhi (U.T.)	1	4	13	19	13	10	—	—	9	—	2	1
Chandigarh (U.T.)	—	—	—	1	—	8	2	—	10	—	—	1
Kerala	—	4	7	3	5	7	—	2	2	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu *	3	4	1	44	5	11	—	—	4	1	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	8	26	2	4	27	2	1	2	—	—	3	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Uttar Pradesh	2	2	—	43	7	23	3	3	3	—	—	—
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	1	4	9	72	2	1	—	—	1	3
Karnataka	—	—	1	7	3	8	3	3	4	1	—	—
Total	22	85	59	244	206	440	18	29	121	8	17	9

Note : * — Figures for Tamil Nadu are inclusive of figures for Union Territory of Pondicherry.

8 SC and 7 ST vacancies under Class-III and 1 SC and 1 OBC vacancy under Class-IV under Vellore Division covering State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry not included in above statistics due to a stay from High Court of Madras in the matter.

[English]

Need to Develop National Tourist Circuits

1499. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :

SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tourist circuits set up so far in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to develop some more national tourist circuits in the country;

(c) if so, the number of tourist circuits identified for development, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for the development of those tourist circuits during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM : (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA) : (a) to (c) As a follow up of the National Action Plan for Tourism 1992, the Government has identified 19 tourist circuits for intensive development with the combined efforts of Central and State Governments and the private sector. The circuits identified so far are the following:-

1. Kullu-Manali-Lahul/Spiti-Leh-Monastic Circuit.
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Konark
5. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati
6. Madras-Mahabalipuram-Kancheepuram-Vellur-Thiruvannamalai Ginjee-Pondicherry (Southern Heritage Circuit)
7. Rishikesh-Narendranagar-Gangotri-Badrinath
8. Bhopal-Sanchi-Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu (Bhopal and Sanchi)

9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer

10. Bangalore-Mysore-Hassan

11. Raigad Fort-Janjira Fort-Kuda Caves-Sirivardhan-Harihareshwar-Sindhudurg

12. Varanasi/Saranath-Gorakhpur Kushinagar-Sunauli-Piprahwa (Kapilvastu), Sankasia Kausambi-Sravasti-Lucknow (Buddhist Circuit)

13. Patna-Bodhgaya-Nalanda-Rajgir-Vaishali (Buddhist Circuit)

14. Bhubaneshwar-Lalitgiri-Ratangiri-Udaygiri-Kendraparha-Chand Bali Bhadrak (Sun Temple)

15. Cochin-Thekkady-Madurai-Rameshwaram

16. Harishankar-Narsinghanath-Hirakud-Sambalpur-Bed Vyas (Gandhamardhan Circuit)

17. Swaranchuda Circuit-Chandipur-Chandaneshwar- Panchelingeswar-Simlipal Sanctuary-Khiching

18. Koraput-Araku Valley-Nandapur-Gupteshwar-Rayagada (Panchabati Circuit)

19. Guwahati-Kaziranga-Shiilong-Tawang

(d) The Ministry of Tourism does not make any prior allocation for the development of any specific circuit or State. However, financial assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments on the basis of specific project proposals received from them and priority is given for projects in identified travel circuits.

Difficulties Faced by Handloom Weavers

1500. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state : the steps that are taken by the Government to remove the difficulties faced by the Handloom Weavers due to the stagnation of their finished goods and also due to the difficulties faced by them in securing yarn?