

[Shri Dinesh Goswami]

the Act. The Government of Assam has submitted representations to the Union to amend the Act. The matter requires urgent consideration.

- (viii) Need to attract more foreign tourists to India, particularly from middle eastern, Gulf and South-Eastern countries.

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla) : There is tremendous scope for attracting foreign tourists to India. It is estimated that India attracts only one per cent of the international tourists although India should be considered one of the countries in the world which offer/rich variety in tourist resorts and other attractions with its vast and varied history represented by ancient monuments, archaeological wonders, museums and breath-taking scenic beauties and picturesque landscapes. India should be on the top in the tourist map of the world.

Middle Eastern, Gulf and South-Eastern countries offer new areas where a concerted effort to attract tourists could yield rich dividends.

I came to know recently that some travel agencies in Kuwait had booked 250 persons for visiting India. The prospective tourists had desired to visit Khajuraho as also participate in skiing at Gulmarg (Kashmir). To my dismay, I was told that the telegrams, telephone calls and other communications from our Tourist Office in Kuwait and travel agencies there did not evoke any response from the concerned departments in Delhi. This is something disheartening and I wish that the Government of India takes a serious notice of this mishap.

[Translation]

- (ix) Need to provide all facilities to Orange growers in Jhalawar district of Rajasthan.

SHRI JUJHAR SINGH (Jhalawar) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the yield of oranges has been increasing steadily in district Jhalawar during the period of over last one decade and the farmers have shown great enthusiasm in the production of oranges.

There is large production of oranges in Tehsil Pach Pahar, Tehsil Pidawa and Tehsil Jhalra Patan in district Jhalwar, a major portion of which is despatched to other parts of the country from Bhawani Mandi Station. Oranges worth more than Rs. 6 crores are estimated to have been produced in this area during the last year.

Keeping in view such a large production there is need to organise the orange trade in a proper way and in addition to removing the difficulties coming in the way of railway booking, there is need to set up orange-based units either in the Public Sector or in the co-operative sector with a view to increase the local consumption so that the farmers growing oranges could get the fair prices.

I would like to submit to the hon. Agriculture Minister to take suitable action in the matter.

13.28 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET, 1986-87— GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now take up further general discussion on the Budget (General) for 1986-87.

Shri Harish Rawat was on his legs. He can continue his speech.

[Translation]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, concern has been expressed by some sections that minimum allocation has been made in the Budget for the core sector, but the facts are contrary to this. In comparison to last year's budget, 29 per cent more allocation has been made for Agriculture and Irrigation. Similarly 61 per cent more allocation has been made for Railways and 33 per cent more funds have been provided for the power sector. The hon. Finance Minister has made the efforts to mobilise the maximum resources.