

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK). (a) It is true that a large potential of tourism remains untapped in the country

(b) The targets for 1990-91 are, arrivals of 1.5 million foreign tourists excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, and estimated foreign exchange earning of nearly Rs 2800 crores

(c) to (e) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Government. However the Ministry of Tourism approve proposals for construction of star category hotels. During the current financial year 1990-91, the Ministry received two such proposals, one from Andhra Pradesh and another from Maharashtra. Both the proposals have been approved.

Export of Engineering Goods to African Countries.

*794 SHRI N. J. RATHVA. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the value of exports of engineering goods to African countries during the last three years

(b) the measures taken to improve the exports of engineering goods to African countries, and

(c) the details of other countries to whom engineering goods are being exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU).

(a) The value of exports of engineering goods to African countries during 1986-87 to 1988-89 are as follows

Year	(Value: Rs. crores)
1	2
1986-87	130.00
1987-88	144.00
1988-89	200.00

(b) The Government has taken various steps to increase export of engineering goods to African countries. Engineering exports to such countries have been sought to be increased through Joint Committee meetings/Bilateral Trade Talks with various African countries, keeping in view the foreign exchange difficulties being faced by many of these countries, efforts have been made to increase exports on countertrade basis and through providing credit. Thrust markets in Africa and thrust products have been identified for special export attention. Several delegations to and from Africa has been sponsored to push up exports. The Engineering Export Promotion Council through its offices in Nairobi and Abidjan, obtain and supply to exporters, information about potential for exports. India also plans to participate in some important fairs in Africa in 1990-91 with a view to promoting our engineering exports.

(c) The countries outside Africa which are major markets are USSR, USA, UK, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, FRG, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Import of Jumbo Rolls

*795. SHRI E. S. M. PAKEER MOHAMED. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the categories of photo-sensitised goods of Jumbo rolls which attract concessional rate of import duties under different Customs Notifications, and since when;