

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 15 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;

(b) the criteria and justification for granting import duty concessions to Jumbo Rolls;

(c) whether recommendations of the concerned Ministry/Department were also considered while granting duty concession;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the conditions for granting such duty concession to various industrial units/Public Sector Undertakings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHAS-
TRI): (a) to (e). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

1. At present, Six categories of jumbo rolls of photo-sensitised goods attract concessional rates of import duties-under various customs notifications as per details given below:-

S. No.	Description	Notification No. Under which the concessional rates are available
1	2	3
1.	Jumbo rolls of Roll films	
2.	Jumbo rolls of Medical X-ray films	176/1983—Customs dated 14/8/83
3.	Jumbo rolls of Industrial X-ray films	
4.	Colour jumbo films for processing into colour cine films	266/1986—Customs dated 28.4.86
5.	Jumbo rolls of Graphic art films	
6.	Jumbo rolls of Photographic colour paper	216/1988—Customs dated 7.7.88

2. The import-duty concessions have been granted in respect of jumbo rolls of photo-sensitised goods mainly as a foreign exchange conservation measure since the international process of jumbo rolls are cheaper than the international process of imported finished products and to generate employment in the country by allowing the process of value addition to take place in the country itself. While considering the grant of exemption, view of the concerned Ministry/ Department were also taken into consideration.

3. No distinction has been made between imports by private industrial units and public sector undertakings for availing these duty concessions. However to check any possible misuse, the concessions are available to an importer only if he fulfils the following conditions:-

- (i) The importer has to give in undertaking for conversion of the jumbo rolls into finished products; and
- (ii) The importer is required to hold an industrial licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for the slitting and confectioning of photosensitive materials from jumbo rolls.

Reservation for SCs/STs in Projects and Equipments Corporation

*796. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC/ST posts of Managers and above in Projects and Equipments Corporation which have been filled up with general candidates:

(b) the number of reserved posts of

senior managerial cadre downgraded and the reasons therefor;

(c) when the posts are proposed to be upgraded and filled up with SC/ST candidates;

(d) the number of general candidates given promotions out of SC/ST quota and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the backlog position of reserve posts in PEC and efforts being made by Government to clear it?

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

(a) The single cadre-post of Group General Manager (Finance) falling vacant on a reserved point has been filled up by a general candidate in 1987 as the SC candidate who applied against the advertisement was not found eligible.

(b) In spite of the concerted efforts, one post of Group General Manager (Marketing) (reserved for SC) could not be filled up due to non-availability of suitable candidates. It was, therefore, decided by PEC to operate the post of Group General Manager (Marketing) at the lower level of General Manager which was filled up by a S.C. candidate.

(c) All the regular posts in the cadre of General Manager (Marketing) including downgraded one are at present filled up on regular basis. The downgraded post of Group General Manager would be upgraded as and when a clear vacancy in the cadre of General Manager becomes available.

(d) No general candidate has been given promotion against any of the posts reserved for SCs/STs.

(e) As per the reservation rosters maintained by PEC, the group-wise breakup of the backlog is detailed below: