

**Development of Tourism in Eastern Zone**

\*142. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have any plans for the development of tourism in Eastern Zone viz. Puri-Bhubneswar - Konark, Calcutta-Sundarban-Digha, Darjeeling etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments have prioritised a number of projects/ schemes for central financial assistance for the year 1990-91 in the various States including those in the Eastern Zone.

The following new Circuits have also been identified in consultation with the State Governments for promotion in the Eastern Zone:—

1. Bhubaneswar-Chilka Lake and Lalitgiri-Ratnagiri
2. Patna-Rajgir-Nalanda-Bodhgaya
3. Calcutta-Sunderbans-Calcutta
4. Calcutta-Shantiniketan-Vishnu-pur-Calcutta
5. Calcutta-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
6. Calcutta- Patna- Rajgir-Nalanda-Bodhgaya

**Export of Basmati Rice**

1414. SHRI RAJAMOHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COM-MERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Basmati Rice exported to USSR, U.K. and Arabian countries during the last three years, yearwise; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement below:

**STATEMENT**

*Qty : Metric Tonnes*  
*Value : Rs. Crores*

	1987-88		1988-89		1989-90	
	<i>Qty.</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Qty.</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Qty.</i>	<i>Value</i>
USSR . . . . .	148205	113	130746	100.32	109982	86.76
U.K. . . . .	20001	23.45	23018	26.89	15796	16.60
Bahrain . . . . .	12565	12.49	5825	6.37	9900	14.87
Kuwait . . . . .	32497	32.79	33890	37.06	46857	54.03
Oman . . . . .	25759	25.00	17925	16.65	12961	13.47
Qatar . . . . .	1249	1.26	1081	1.18	625	0.79
Saudi Arabia . . . . .	97908	98.34	108521	107.65	159739	173.27
U.A.E. . . . .	16073	17.38	16712	22.54	23374	27.16

*Source : Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.*