

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) The main tourist spots in Assam for which Central Financial Assistance has been provided are: Guwahati, Kaziranga, Bhalukpong, Sibsagar, Kaliabhomora, Tezpur, Barpeta, Chandrapur, Lungsung, Silchar, Bokakhat, Jakh-labanda, Batadrava, Mangaldoi, Nagaon, Pobitara, Orang, Chapar, Pancharatna, Kamakhya and Kakopathar.

(b) and (c) Central Financial Assistance has been extended to the Government of Assam during 1998-99 for construction of Yatri Niwas at Bubhan hill at a project cost of Rs. 30.50 lakhs. A project for Yatri Niwas at Kashpur has been prioritized for the year 1999-2000 at a cost Rs. 30 lakhs.

Promotion of Tourism in Kerala

771. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for tourism promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is for marketing Kerala in Gulf and Singapore regions. The proposed items have been dove tailed with the ongoing programme of the concerned Government of India Tourist Offices.

Tourist Inflow

†772. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 alongwith their estimated number during 1999-2000, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken for attracting foreign tourists; and

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