

[18 April, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

promotes places of tourist interest in the country through its tourist offices abroad, production of publicity material and information technology tools etc.

Development of Halebid and Belur

3632. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to take up development of Halebid and Belur under Bhagavan Mahavir Kalyan Yojana;

(b) if so, the total amount allocated under the above Yojana during 2000-2001; and

(c) the amount so far spent for the development of Halebid and Belur in Karnataka during 2000-2001 under the above Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Tourism Packages for Attracting Foreign Visitors

3633. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that government are proposing packages for development of tourism in India to attract foreign visitors;

(b) if yes, whether there is any package for development of tourism in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) (a) Government of India encourages tour operators and travel agents of India to prepare packages for foreign tourists. The promotion of these packages is *inter-alia* carried

out through overseas offices through participation in tourism seminars and International tourism fairs etc.

(b) State Tourism Development Corporation of Karnataka is operating package tours for development of tourism in Karnataka to attract Indian/foreign tourists.

(c) The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation limited, Bangalore is organising the following package and conducted tours:—

1. Goa-Gokarna-Jog Falls
2. North Karnataka Tours
3. South Canara Tours
4. Mysore-Ooty-Kodaikanal
5. Mysore-Bandipur-Ooty-Black Thunder Water Park
6. Srirangapatna-Mysore-Nanjangud-Ooty

Conducted Tours

1. Central India
2. South India
3. Mahanadi-Srishailam-Nagarjuna Sagar-Hyderabad
4. Shimsha-M. M. Hills-B. R. HUls-K. Gud-Nanjangud-Mysore Palace Illumination