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To

As per list attached.

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#### **India's Share in World Tourism**

2955. SHRI D.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's Share in World tourism is a negligible 0.5 per cent;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps Government propose to take \* to promote tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The percentage share of India in the world tourist traffic during 1995 was about 0.37. Inadequate infrastructural facilities in the country is the primary reason for the low share of India in the world tourist arrivals.

(c) Promotion of tourism is an ongoing process and it includes improvement of infrastructural facilities particularly by attracting private investment, focussing of publicity and marketing efforts and development of manpower resources.

#### **Proposal to close down non-viable branches of GIC**

2956. SHRI KRISHNA KUAMR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether GIC propose to close down nonviable branches of its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to merge non-viable branches with the viable ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Insurers are required to operate within the expense ratio stipulated under Section 40C of the Insurance Act, 1938. The Branch Offices with excessive management costs and which are non-viable in terms of cost and volume of premium written are taken up for restructuring on a continuous basis.

#### **Foreign direct investment promised by NRIs**

2957. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:  
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 344 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1996 and state:

(a) the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) that has been promised by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) at the first-ever global Indians

Entrepreneurs Conference held in Singapore in June, 1996; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the share of investments by NRIs in India is much less compared to the share of investments in China by overseas Chinese?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference generated tremendous enthusiasm among the participants and in particular the Non-resident Indian Entrepreneurs about India, its future, and its potential for being an extremely attractive investment destination. The keenness of NRIs to involve themselves with Indian by interlinking among themselves and with the industry and Government of India was highlighted by participants who emphasised the need for continuity and to impart thrust to the process of NRI involvement in the economic development of India. While the Conference provided an opportunity to Singaporean business to establish contacts with participants representing Indian Industry, it would not be feasible to arrive at a precise estimate on possible investments.

(b) Yes Sir. The quantum of investments in China by Overseas Chinese is substantially higher compared to NRI investments in India.

**बैंको द्वारा राजस्थान और उत्तर प्रदेश में शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवाओं को ऋण दिया जाना**

2958. श्री शिव चरण सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान स्टेट बैंक आफ बीकानेर एंड जयपुर तथा स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर द्वारा राजस्थान एवं उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवकों और कमजोर वर्गों के व्यक्तियों को ऋण वितरित किए गए और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन बैंकों द्वारा शाखावार कितने ऋण आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त किये, मंजूर किये गए और कितनी राशि के ऋण स्वीकृत किए गए; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ऋण की राशि के शीघ्र भुगतान के लिए कोई सरल और ठोस नीति तैयार करने पर विचार करेगी; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

### Conducting para-medical courses

2959. SHRI JOY NALUKKARA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many para-medical courses are being conducted by the institutions without having minimum requirements,

(b) if so, whether there are any rules regulating such institutions;

(c) whether Government are also aware that students are being cheated by such institutions; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take against such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) At present there is no statutory body at Central level to regulate the standards of paramedical courses. The paramedical courses in the States are regulated by the concerned State authorities.

**प्रसार भारती अधिनियम में सुधारों हेतु सुझाव देने के लिए समिति**

2960. श्री राम चेतमलानी: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या प्रसार भारती अधिनियम में व्यापक सुधार करने हेतु सुझाव देने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया गया है और क्या ऐसी समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति द्वारा अपने प्रतिवेदन में की गई सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त सुझावों को मुर्त रूप देने के लिए अब तक कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं और सरकार उन पर कब तक कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी.एम. इन्द्रावती):**

(क) और (ख) जी, हां। प्रसार भारती अधिनियम, 1990 से संबंधित सिफारिशें विवरण के रूप में संलग्न हैं (नीचे देखिए)