

के लिए उनसे प्राप्त विविध प्रस्तावों, उनके गुण-दोषों एवं पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराता है। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा पंजाब सरकार को स्वीकृत की गई राशि नीचे दिए गए अनुसार थी :—

वर्ष	₹० लाखों में
1991-92	31.25
1992-93	135.83
1993-94	199.11

(2) पंजाब के प्रचार और संबर्धन पर अधिक जोर दिया गया है। विभाग ने नवीनतम प्रोग्रामों “एन्चोर्टिड सर्किट्स” और “लिटल ग्रीन टूरिज्म” में पंजाब के गन्तव्य स्थलों को शामिल किया गया है।

(3) पंजाब को पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा रोषित दो धार्मिक तीर्थ परिपथों अर्थात् सख-हिन्दू परिपथ और निजामुद्दीन-अजमेर सहिन्द परिपथ में शामिल कर दिया गया है।

Air Services from Gaya in Bihar

1348, SHRI NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION and TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of foreign tourists visit Gaya in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a major airport at Gaya; and

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating over the ex-of Gaya Airport and to intro. rvice from there with a ■ -am foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI OHU-,AM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Gaya has an airport which can accommodate AVRO type aircraft.

(c) There is no proposal at present or (he expansion of Gaya airport.

Aerodrome and air strips in Himachal Pradesh

1349. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and location of aerodrome and air strips in Himachal Pradesh as on date alongwith their service conditions;

(b) whether it is a fact that the resource crunch has held up the modernisation and construction of aerodromes and air strips in that State;

(c) whether it is also a fact that tourists visiting Himachal Pradesh have complained of lack of infrastructure and high transport charges and also of water scarcity; and

(d) if so, what steps are being contemplated to meet such situations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU. LAM NABI AZAD): (a) National Airports Authority (NAA) has 3 airports in Himachal Pradesh located at Gag-gal, Bhuntar and Shimla. All these airports are operational.

(b) No, Sir. Development of airports and other infrastructure facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

NAA has undertaken developmental works at Gaggal. Due to difficulties at Shimla and Bhuntar, it has not been found feasible to upgrade these airports.

(c) and (d) Improving of tourists facilities is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

Better treatment by foreign airlines

1350. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: