whether that practice has been brought to a whether that practice has been brough to a stop. If he wants to know in which countries it is being done and which arc-she agencies who are doing it here, I would be happy to supply him. But we should know whether that practice has been going on and whether here would put a control to he would put a stop to it.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : Sir, 550 dollars per tone is the minimum price fixed for *basmati* rice. I don't think there will be any buyer who will buy *non-basmati* rice at the rate of 550 dollars per tonne.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : No, no. Well, now I can get more specific. Where the question of rupee payments was involved, payment of 550 dollars in rupees was no problem at all. If the Minister is denying that such irregularities have taken place, then I would not press the question further. If he doesn't deny then, of course, he should tell us what the current position is, whether he is aware that such malpractices are going on.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : In specific instances I will definitely look into where it has happened end how it has happened. I can inquire into that.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : That means he is not aware of it at the moment.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He will inquire into the facts and details.

Q. No. 322, Shri Gopalsinh Solanki.

पर्यटक स्थलों पर सुचना केन्द्र

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क्या मागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि : (क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि देण में इस समय राज्य-वार तया नगर-वार पर्यटवः-स्थलों से संबंधित कार्यालय हैं ;

(ब) क्या इन कार्यालयों में सूचना के आधुनिक साधन उपलब्ध हैं तथा क्या इन सार्यालयों को कम्प्यू-टरीकृत करने का कोई प्रावधान है;

(ग) देश में ऐसे फिलने पर्यटक-स्वल हैं जहां सूचना केन्द्र नहीं हैं तथा क्या बहां किसी प्राधिकृत एजंट को नियुक्त किया गया है :

(भ) क्या सरकार चालू दिर्ताय वर्ष के दौरान ऐसे पर्यटक-स्थलों में पूछताछ एवं सूचना कार्यालय बोलने का विचार रखती है ; और

(क) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्योरा क्या है ?

रेसचा में यह प्रका श्री० गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी बारा पुछा गया ।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR) : (a) Yes, Sir, a list of Central Department of Tourism Field Offices in Judia is alread on the Table of the Sabha India is placed on the Table of the Sabha. (See below).

(b) The Regional Offices are equipped with modern electronic communication system which includes telephones, fax machines, telexes, TV, VCR, film projectors. A scheme for computerisation of these offices under a "TOURNET" project is also being implemented.

(c) Apart from the offices set up by Government of India, offices have also been set up by State Governments at places of tourist interest. Government of India does not have a scheme/system for appointing any authorised agents.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal relating to opening of new enquiries/ information offices at tourist spots during the current financial year.

List of Central Department of Tourism Offices in India

| SI. Region/State/U.T. No. | Location of the Office |
|--|---|
| I Northern Region | |
| | Delhi Jaipur Agra Veransi |
| Il Eastern Region | |
| 2. Bihar 3. Orissa 4. Andaman & Nicobar. 5. Assam 6. Meghalaya | Calcutta Patna Bhubaneshwar Bhubaneshwar Port Blair Guwahati Shillong Imphai Itanagar |
| 2. Karnataka . 3. Andhra Pradesh | Madras Bangalore Hyderabad Cochin Trivandrum |
| Western Region Maharashtra Goa Madhya Pradesh | Bombay Aurangabad Panaji |

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Sir, before I go to the supplementary 1 seek your protection. As far as question (c) is concerned, the hon. Minister has not replied to it. The (c) part of my question is, "What is the number of tourist spots in the country where information centres do not exist and whether any authorised agents have been appointed there ?" The answer is very evasive. The answer is. "Apart from the offices set up by Goverrment of India, offices have also been set up by State Governments at places of tourist interest. Government of India does not have a scheme/system for appointing any authorised agents." I wanted to ask a parti?

supplementary on this question. But she has not answered as to what the number of tourist spots is where there are no information centres.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You ask your supplementary. I will ask the Minister to answer both. Please put your first, supplementary also.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :| I would request you to protect us.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : I will ask the Minister. Please put your first supplementary also.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: I will' ask my first supplementary. It has been stated that regional offices have been established. May I know from the Minister whether she intends to open or establish any office in Gujarat State ? So far as propagating tourism is concerned, there are 18 offices abroad. But where there are tourist spots there are no offices. So, may I know from the Minister what the expenses are which we are incurring on those 18 offices ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please answer the (c) part also.

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR : Sir, India is a vast country. It has numerous tourist spots. It is not possible to have a tourist information office at every spot. We don't have the number of tourist spots where there are no information centres. We do have the number of tourist spots where there are tourist offices. It is not possible to have a tourist office at every tourist spot. Then he asked whether any office is proposed to be set up in Gujarat ? Sir, there are actually two components of tourism in Gujarat. One is the foreign passport holder who is of Gujarat origin. He comes to Gujarat to meet his friends and relatives. But it is normally seen that he stays with his friends and relatives. The second is the domestic component. To take care of that component, the Gujarat Government has set up n system of information. They give information through the State emporia. They have got it in all the States. They arc doing a good job. If they need any assistance, they can ask for it. At the moment everything is going satisfactorily.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

I would like to know from the Minister whether after the establishment of such tourism offices, the Ministry is spending money to help tourists so far as their amenities and accommodation are concerned. Then they have talked about computerisation. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is the amount spent out of the Plan expenditure.

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR : Sir, we have got region-wise Plan expenditure. We don't have Plan expenditure for each office.

The Plan expenditure for the northern region is Rs. 49.32 lakhs, for western region, Rs. 42.73 lakhs for eastern region. Rs. 48.71 lakhs and for southern region. Rs. 37.86 lakhs.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Mr. Chairman, I seek your protection.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What do you want to ask ?

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: I wanted to know about the Plan expenditure.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shrimati Kaur, have you got the figure of Plan expenditure

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR : Sir, what I have stated is party the Plan. expenditure.

भी राम सिंह राठवा : आदरणीय सभावति जी, में आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मवर्नमेंट आफ गुजरात ने कोई नई टुरिज्म पालिसी बनाकर आपको मेजी है ? इस नई टुरिज्म पालिसी के बारे में आपने क्या सोचा है ? इसी के साथ-साथ गुजरात में जो आदिवासी इलाका है कहां ज्यादातर होली, दिवासी, दशहरा के इस मौके में बहुत अण्छे दौस, एक बीक तक का बलग-अलग प्रोप्राम होना रहता है, क्या सपथार इसकी बाहर के देशों या बाहर के सोगों की जानकारी के लिए, ताकि पर्यटक वहां आएं, उसके लिए कुछ कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR: Whatever proposals are put up by the Gujarat Government, they are taken into consideration. Whenever the Government feels that they need help, we give it to them. Sir, we have identified three festivals for which we give assistance to Gujarat. These festivals are, the International Kite Festival, Somnath Festival and Tarqctra Festival. As far as tribal areas and other tourist areas are concerned, as I said earlier, whatever proposals we get, we will be happy to assist them. SHRI M. A. BABY : Sir, so far as Kerala is concerned, you know better than anyone else that it would be very difficult to identify any tourist spot in Kcrala because every inch of Kerala is a tourist spot.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do you want an office at every inch ?

SHRI M. A. BABY: I am not demanding any office. 1 said this, not being parochial, but only due to my commitment to objectivity. Considering this fact, it is well known that no efforts commensurate with the tourist potentials of Kerala has been made to promote tourism and set up offices and centres. I have direct experience by meeting some foreign tourists who, after having visited Kerala on the basis of some stray sugge-tions-originally, they did not include visit to Kerala in their itinerary-felt that if they had missed Kerala, that would have been a totally disappointing miss. Therefore, (a) part of my question would be what special care would be taken by the Department to tap the enormous tourist potential of Kerala. And, part (b) of my supplementary is this. When we speak about tourist potential, we speak of people coming from abroad. We never think of domestic tourism, the possibility of encouraging that. What is the proposal of the Department and the Ministry so far as the promotion of domestic tourism is concerned, for the Eighth Five-Year Plan and for the next two years as part of the Eighth Five-Year Plan?

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR : To start with, I would like to state that it is not true that we are ignoring Kerala in any way. In fact, we are really doing a lot for Kerala. In the National Action Plan Bokal Beach in Kerala was identified as one of the destinations. I would also like to state that we do have tourist offices at two places in Kerala, Cochin and Trivandrum. As far as publicity for Kerala is concerned, recently, on the 7th and 8th August, we had a meeting of the Tourism Ministers of the Southern Region in Hyderabad where special emphasis was sought to be giver to the Southern Region. Kerala is a part of that. And, we are bringing out a special brochure for the Southern Region in which Kerala is being highlighted, the backwaters and other attractions of Kerala are highlighted. We send the brochures to the tourist offices abroad also. Kerala is highlighted and shown there.

As far as domestic tourism is concern ed, it is absolutely true that there are almost 64 million domestic tourists who are visiting the other parts of the country. For that also, facilities and incentives are given by the Ministry of Tourism. The benefits we give to the hotel industry, tike the one-star, two-star and three-star hotels, are mainly for domestic tourism promotion. It is not true to say that we do not encourage domestic tourism.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Mohd. Khaleelur Rehman.

भो मोहम्मद खलीखुर रह्मान : जनाब बेधरमैन साहब, अर्भ मिनिस्टर साहिया ने यह कहा कि जुनूबी बौल को दूरिस्ट्स के लिए प्रेवलप किया जा रहा हैं। आग्ध्र प्रदेश एक टूरिस्ट सैंटर है और खुद हैदराबाद धारुए में गोलकुंडा कोर्ट और उससे मुलहम्म जो टोम्स हैं. चार नीलार हे. सालारजंग म्युखियम है, इससे हटकर शिरुपति, विमाखापटलम् और निजाम सागर, कुछ ऐसे सैंटर है लिमको अच्छी सरह से डेवलप किया का सपला है, मगर अच्छ्रीस की बात है कि न ही बहां की स्टेट गार्नमेंट की तरफ से ओछ प्रदेश हो, वहां की स्टेट गार्नमेंट की तरफ से आंध्र प्रदेश हो, वहां की स्टेट गार्नमेंट की तरफ से आंध्र प्रदेश हो, लहां पट टूरिज्म का सवाल है, कोई बास इज्जियार दिया जा रहा है और उसकी अन्दीर करने के सिए इन हुकूनतों की जानिव से कोई इक्तामात की नहीं किए जा रहे हैं 1

में जॉनरेवत मिनिस्टर साहिबा से मह जानता बाहता कि क्या ऑश्व प्रदेश और फिर खास तीर पर हैदरानाद शहर में जो टूरिस्ट सैंटर हैं, उनको डेवलप करने के लिए, इक समात करने के लिए आपके पास कोई स्तरिम है ? अगर स्कीम है जो जान इहर फरमाएं।

شرى مصد خلهل الرحبان : جغاب چئەرمىن ماھب[،] (بىرى مىسلار صاحبه نے یہ کہا کہ جلوبی زون کو الہ تررست کے لئے ڈیولب کیا جا رہا ہے۔ آبدہرا بودیش ایک قورست سلٹر ہے اور خود حيدرآبان شهر مين گولکنڌا فورے اور اس ہے ملحقہ جو قرمس ہے' چار مينار هے، سالارجلک ميرزم هے، اس سے هات کو تبویندی، وشاکهایتذم ارو نظام سائر' کنچه ایسے سنڌر هڍن جن کو اچہی طرح سے ڈیولپ کہا جاسکتا ہے؛ مگر إفسوس کی بات ہے۔ که ند تو اوہاں کی اسٹیٹ گرزنہانے کی طرف ہے اور تھ یہاں کی سلارل گرزنمانے کی طرف سے آندهرا پردينص کو' جهان اتک قورزم کا سوال ہے؛ کوئی خاص اختہار دیا جا رہا ہے ارر اس کی تشہیر کرنے کے لئے ان حکومتوں کی جانب ہے کوئی اقدامات بھی تہدی کئے جارہے ھیں۔

میں آریمل ، ند شر صلحبه سے یہ جاندا جامونکا کہ کیا آندھوا۔ پردیھی اور پہر خاص طرر پر ھیدرآباد شہر میں جو قررست سلقر ہیں' اکو ڈبولپ کوئے کے لئے اقدامات کرنے کیلئے آیکے پاس کوئی احکم ہے? اگر اسکیم ہے تو آپ ضرور فرمائیں۔

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR : Sir, again, I am really sorry that the hon. Member should feel like that because, for Andhra Pradesh also, we had identified a tourist circuit like Hyderabad, Nagarjunasagar Lake and Tirupati. As I said, when we had the Tourism Ministers' meet in Hyderabad, you will be pleased to note, a light-and-sound show at Golconda Fort was inaugurated by me on the 7th and the Charminar was also supposed to be lighted on the 15th. We are taking steps to develop Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh in general. There is no question of discrimination against Hyderabad. There are also certain other steps that are going to be taken, as I said in the meeting. The Minister of Tourism from Andhra Pradesh is taking a lot of interest and I am very much hopeful, and if there is still something which needs to be done, it will be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Paswan.

भी बृह्म देव आनग्व पासवान : समापति जी, आपने पीछे बैटने वाले और नए सदस्य को मौका दिया, उसके लिए मैं आपका जुकगुवार हूं ।

भारत सरकार के सर्वेयर जनरल ढारा को बिहार अयवा भारत का नक्ष्मा छपवाया जाता है, उसमें बिहार के पर्यटन स्थलों को नहीं दरशौया जाता है । साथ ही दूरी और मार्ग के संबंध में भी अरातन सूचना नहीं अंभित की जाती है । क्या मंली महोदय इसे संगोधित कराएंगे ? बिहार को मुलज्जिम तरीके से नेग्लेक्ट किया जाता है अबकि बिहार आज से नहीं इतिहास में इसका पर्यटन में विशेष रूप से नाम है । बिहार अपने आप में ध्यापक जब्द है । और विहार की नेग्लेक्ट किया जाता है बिहार याती पर्यटन जोर उसी को नेग्लेक्ट किया जाता है । मुझे लगता है कि :

"पस्ती पर जवनम गिरे, पश्ती लम नहीं होती, करो सोने के सौ दुकड़े तो कीमत कम नहीं होती।"

तो बिहार को कितना काट देंगे, वह कटने वाला नहीं है। भागनीय सभापति जी, अंत्री महोदया कह रही थी कि सब जगह कार्यालय खोलना संभव नहीं है। लेकिन जहां फार्यालय खुल गया वहां पदाधिकारी देना तो संभव है। पटना में कार्यालय खला है लेकिन वहां पदाधिकारी नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put your specific question.

धी_बह्म देव आगन्य पासपान : इसलिए मैं धाहता हूं कि जो नक्वो बनें उसमें बिहार दरसाया जरए और जो पटना में कार्यालय है बहां पदाधिकारों --- निदेसक नियुक्त किया जाए । गया, जो पुरे बिदेशी लोगों का एक पर्यटक केन्द्र है, हम चाहते हैं कि वहां हवाई अहाज का एक अड्डा बना दिया जाए । सबसे अ्यावा लोग वहां आते हैं । पटना से गया जाने में एक हजार रुपया किएध्या लगता है । अगर यहां हवाई अहाज का अट्डा बना दिया जाए तो इससे सरकार की काफी आगदनी भी बढ़ जाएमी । यह तीन प्रान हैं हेरे । धन्यवाव ।

नगर विकाल और पर्यटन मंसी श्री गुलाम नवीं आजाद : लर, जहां क विहार का संबंध है, केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से हम तो पूरा प्रयास कर रहे हैं और हमारी कोशिश है कि वहां ज्यादा से ज्यादा पर्यटक जाएं । लेकिन जब तक, में खाली बिहार को नहीं कहूंगः, बहार का क्योंकि संबंध है लेकिन मैं साथ ही राय सभी राज्यों का नाम लेना चाहूंगा । जब तक राज्य सरकारें पर्यटन को प्रायोरिटी नहीं देंगी तो यहां से हम कितना ही प्रयास करेंगे सो हमें एफलता नहीं प्राप्त होगी । पहले वक्त में ऐसा होता था कि जो इन्का स्ट्रेक्चर है वह तगाम राज्य मरफारों का होता था और हमारा काम था---जनको एक्स्टर्नल

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पहिलसिटी विदेशों में दे दें और इलेक्ट्रोनिक मीडिया में दे दें, बौझर्स बनाएं, विदेशों में आफिसेज बनाएं और यहां भी आफिसेज बनाएं । अब आहिस्ता-आहिस्ता क्या हुआ कि राज्य तरकारों ने समझ लिया कि उनका पर्यटन से कोई संबंध महीं हैं, वह पी॰ डब्लू० डी० और वाकी कीजों में पैसा लगते हैं और पर्यटन के विभाग में कोई भी पैसा नहीं लगाते और अब हालत यह हो गई है कि हम जो यहां से थोड़ा बहुत पैसा भी देते हैं, गेरे ख्याल में 80 परसेंट स्टेट उसको भी युटिलाईज नहीं करती हैं। मैं इन-जनरल कह रहा हं और इन-पर्टिकुलर बिहार का कह रहा हूं, क्योंकि आपने बिहार का जिक किया है । बिहार के लिए तो हगने जापाल की मदद से बोध गया के लिए एक स्कीम बनाई थीं। लेकिन बजाय इसके कि राज्य सरकार अवना पैसा लगाए, जो हम पैसा देते हैं उसको भी वह तनख्याहों में बॉट देते हैं । तो पर्यटन कैसे बढ़ेगा ? तो मेरा निवेदन है कि चाहे अगर अपना पैसा नहीं भी लगाएं, लेकिन जो हम पैसा देते हैं कम से कम अगर वह भी लगाएंगे तो कुछ न कुछ बनेगा। जहाज देने में मुझे कोई आपरित नहीं है। लेकिन, सर, अगर हम अहाज बना लें और वहां धनका स्टुक्चर कहीं होगा, वहां हीटल नहीं होका, रेस्ट हाऊस नहीं होगा, गैस्ट हाऊस नहीं होगा, सड़क नहीं होगी तो इससे क्या होगा? तो यह जो जापान की स्कीम है, यह कई सालों से चल रही यी और दो साल में जीन साल में उसकी खत्म करना चाहिए था । लेकिन पिछले साल तक बह नहीं बनी और फिर हम जापान के पास गए हैं और दो साल के लिए इंमने एक्सटेंशन मांगी है। मुझे नहीं लगता है कि दो साल में भी उस पैसे को खर्च किया जाएगा। इतलिए मेरा एम० पी० साहब से निवेदन है, बोध भया के एयरपोर्ट के बारे में आज सुबह ही मेरो मुख्य मंत्री जी से बातें हुई हैं । नहां एशरपोर्ट तो बनाना क्षामान होगा, लेकिन जो पैसा दो साल से, पांच साल से जापाः की मदद से दिया जा रहा है, उसका उपयोग करि तो सब ठीक हो जाएगा ।

श्री बृह्म देव आःन्द पालवान : आप स्वयं महत्वा कांक्षी मोजनाएं बनाकर कार्यान्वित करें तो अच्छ होगा..... (व्यवधान) आप जो पैसा देते हैं, टोक उस पैसे की हालत उसी तरह से होती है जिस तरह से देहातों में ररी पीस का कपड़ा भेजा जाए तो लोग उसका क्रतां सिला लेते हैं ।..... (व्यवधान)

Revision of counter trade Policy

*323. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revise the counter-trade policy;2—106 RSS/ND/94.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the likely impact of the revised policy; and

(d) by when is it likely to be revised ?

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SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, counter-trade is a very, very important tool for increasing exports. I am a bit surprised at the answer that the Government is still formulating a scheme and it will be finalised during the year.

Sir, for the last two years, as the hon. Minister knows, exports has been a thrust area for this Government, especially in view of the New Economic Policy. I want to draw the attention of the Minister specially to the African countries and the Sub-Saharan countries which have a high potential for exports from India. But they are also facing the foreign exchange crunch. So, export from India to those countries is possible only if we can have counter-trade agreement with them. I want to know from the Minister whether a trade centre on the lines of Indian Trade Centre in Brussels would be opened in the African countries so that Africa, as a thrust area for exports, can be properly explored and India would be able to benefit from the exports to those countries.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : Sir, I agree cent per cent with the hon. Member that we should improve countertrade with the African countries and we will take all steps to improve it with the African countries.

So far as the question of opening a trade centre is concerned, it is a very good suggestion. We will look into it.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Sir, my second supplementary is this. In view of the trade with the erstwhile Soviet Union— now the Commonwealth of Independent States having suffered a severe setback because of the resource position there and in view of the new currency regime, 1 want to know from the Minister whether a specific study has been carried out as to how far we can supplement that loss of trade by countertrade with other countries because hard currency trade is going on, there is a small increase, may be 4% or whatever it is. Since rebuilding our exports to the