

(ग) देश में और अधिक पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिये उठाये गये कदमों में शामिल हैं—विदेशों में प्रचार और संवर्धन को सुदृढ़ करना और आधारभूत सुविधाओं में सुधार करना।

Special tourism areas in States

2299. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the areas notified under the Special Tourism Areas in Kerala, Tamilnadu and other States of the country;

(b) what compensation the displaced people were paid and how many persons have been displaced in the areas notified as STA's;

(c) what was the land use pattern of the areas brought under the STA;

(d) who has been authorised to survey these STA's and how many are foreign consultants and how many are Indians;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government are making a plan to invest Rs. 39,000 crores in tourism development; if so, what is the share of the States and the private sector; and

(f) what is the status of the National Action Plan of 1992?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government and Union Territories identified the following places as Special Tourism Areas:

1. Bekal Beach in Kerala
2. Muttukadu-Mamillapuram in Tamil Nadu
3. Sindhudurg in Maharashtra
4. Puri-Konark in Orissa
5. Diu in Union Territory of Daman and Diu

The Kerala Government has notified 400 acres for acquisition under Land Acquisition Act in the Bekal areas and the Maharashtra Government has notified 61.65 Hectares for acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act for the beach areas at Mithbav.

(b) In the Mithbav area, the acquisition cost is Rs. 39.50 lakhs. No person has been displaced so far due to land acquisition.

(c) In Kerala some coconut growing and barren land and in Maharashtra sandy and uncultivable land are to be acquired

(d) The State Government of Kerala have commissioned M/s M.N. Salim Associates from Calicut in association with two foreign consultants, one from Philippines and the other from Australia to survey the Bekal Special Tourism Area. In Maharashtra for Sindhudurg area M/s. Tata Consultancy Services has been commissioned to prepare the concept plan.

(e) In pursuance of the National Action Plan for Tourism, and assessment of investment requirements for integrated development of tourism was prepared by the Department of Tourism to attract five million tourist arrivals. The investments required to be made by the Government, public sector and private sector are Rs. 13,640 crores, Rs. 11,600 crores and Rs. 13,860 crores respectively.

(f) The National Action Plan stipulated the priorities of the Central Government in the development of tourism and a strategy for its development. The tourist traffic showed an upward trend and the year 1993-94 ended up with a positive growth rate of 2.8 per cent over the previous year and the foreign exchange earnings from tourism recorded appreciable increase in rupee terms of 20.2 per cent during 1992-93 and 14.6 per cent during 1993-94.