

Tourism Potential surveys conducted in Maharashtra

2683. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of tourism potential surveys conducted during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted of Raigad and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to conduct tourist potential surveys of these districts in the light of Konkan Railway Project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) During the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 tourism potential surveys were conducted in Western Ghats, Tamil Nadu, Kota-Bundi-Jhalawar region and Varanasi-Ailahabad-Mirzapur region.

(b) and (c) The tourism potential survey of Western Ghats covered both the districts of Raigad and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra. In addition a detailed survey of Raigad district is under progress; and

(d) Does not arise.

ITDC misusing the commercial space of Hotel Janpath

2684. SHRI N. E. BALARAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the ITDC's Corporate Divisions earlier located and functioning from Himalaya House Building, New Delhi, is now operating for the last about two years from the Janpath Hotel premises thereby misusing the commercial space of the Hotel as well as paying huge rental for the both premises;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount actually paid/to be paid

for unused Himalaya House premises by ITDC during the last two years and the amount charged/to be charged by Hotel Janpath for and on behalf of the Marketing Division, as rent, electricity, water and telephone charges etc. for the last two years;

(c) whether there is any plan of ITDC to utilise the Himalaya House premises by its Marketing Division if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Due to fire in the Himalaya House Building, New Delhi, ITDC's offices located there had to be shifted to Hotel Janpath in May, 1991. The rent for the space in Himalaya House and Janpath Hotel for the period from May 1991 to March, 1992 works out to Rs. 1.94 lakhs and Rs. 23.22 lakhs respectively. ITDC proposes to relocate these offices back in Himalaya House Building.

Disinvestment of ITDC

2685. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOT have ultimately taken a policy decision to allow dis-investment upto 40 per cent in some of the ITDC hotel properties;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons for allowing dis-investment in ITDC's particular set of hotels to multinational companies/foreign investors and forming joint venture companies with them at this juncture;

(c) what will be the shape of Management to control/run the above proposed joint companies and in which manner the said management will be accountable to Government, Parliament and Shareholders; and