

### Workshop on Eco-tourism

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

(a) whether Government are aware that a workshop on Eco-tourism was organised during the Fourth World Congress on parks and protected Area at Caracas (Venezuela) ;

(b) if so, the points discussed at the workshop ;

(c) whether Government propose to incorporate those points in its tourism policy ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK) : (a) to (d) None of the concerned Ministries of the Government, namely Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Environment and Forests have participated in the workshop.

### Pending Proposals of M.P. for Development of Tourism

629. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :  
KUMARI ALIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Central Government for development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard ; and

(d) what new initiatives have been taken by Government to encourage tourism in Madhya Pradesh in particular and the nation in general ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) One project proposal for the construction of a Forest Lodge at Bori could not be sanctioned during 1991-92 for want of clarifications from the

State Government. The State Government has been requested to forward the requisite information.

(d) Development and promotion of tourism in the country is a continuous process. In order to further develop tourism in the country, 15 circuits and destinations have been identified out of which two circuits are in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

### Private Foreign Companies in India's Air Travel Market

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

(a) whether any proposal is under the consideration of Government to permit private foreign companies in India's air travel market ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Times of India of 27th March, 1992 captioned "Boeing eyes India—Bullish growth seen in travel industry" ;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ;

(e) whether Boeing and or any other foreign company has approached the Government of India in this regard ; and

(f) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) According to the existing guidelines, only private Indian companies can operate air taxi services in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Boeing-777 is a medium capacity and medium to long range aircraft and would be evaluated along with other similar aircraft in accordance with the fleet renewal plans of Air India/Indian Airlines,