

Visa to tourists in Bangalore

*389. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists who visited Karnataka from January, 2001 till date;
- (b) the foreign exchange earned during the above period from tourism from Karnataka;
- (c) whether visa to tourists of some countries is being issued on arrival in Bangalore to develop tourism; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by Government to issue visa to tourists on arrival in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The number of international tourist arrivals at Bangalore airport during the period January to November 2001 is 12968.

(b) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the country as a whole during the period January to November 2001 have been estimated as Rs. 12,838 crores. State-wise foreign exchange earnings are not compiled.

(c) and (d) The scheme of visa on arrival to tourists has so far not been implemented in any of the international airports of the country.

Misappropriations by Chit Fund Companies

*390 SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether M/s Transworld Securities Limited 22/44, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi, is a SEBI registered dealer; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether M/s Valentinos Chit Fund Private Limited 22/44, West Patel Nagar, New Delhiv has also been functioning from the same premises; if so, since when;