

prawn farming in three east-coast States including Orissa, after their visit to India during May-June, 1990. An FAO/World Bank Mission is presently in India for finalising the Project report which will be appraised by a World Bank Project Appraisal Mission in June, 1991.

Loans for purchasing ready Built Houses from State Housing Boards

1208. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government employees can get loans to buy ready built houses from any State Housing Board;

(b) if not, the State Housing Boards from which ready built houses cannot be purchased by Central Government Employees with Government loan; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. House Building Advance is admissible for the purchase of ready-built houses by the State Housing Boards or others, on cash down basis but not on hire-purchase basis. In respect of flats under Self-financing schemes of the State Housing Boards, the grant of house building advance is conditional upon the Housing Boards' accepting certain standard terms and conditions.

Improvement in Railway Catering

1209. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken some steps to improve railway catering;

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken in South Eastern Railway;

(c) whether the catering services available in the trains running between New Delhi and Puri are far from satisfactory; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the catering services in those trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken include provision of modern kitchen appliances, eliminating use of charcoal by use of LPG, training of staff, revision of menu, intensive inspections, etc.

(c) and (d) Catering services by these trains are considered satisfactory. However, steps mentioned in part (b) have been taken to improve the service further.

Scheme for Rural People in ITDC Hotels

1210. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the reaction of the rural people and the experience of the ITDC staff to the scheme launched by ITDC to attract rural people to visit five star hotels and restaurants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) The scheme offering meals on concessional rates to rural guests in ITDC hotels has only been launched recently on 25-1-91. Consequently, ITDC has not yet made an assessment of the reaction/response of the rural people and ITDC hotel staff to this scheme.

Master Plan for Delhi—2001

1211. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Master Plan for Delhi—2001 has been prepared in gross violation of the DDA Act;

(b) whether the new plan has been notified without inviting public objections and suggestions, as per Section 11A (3) of the DDA Act of 1957; and

(c) if so, what action Government is taking to prevent the complaints from becoming legally disputable?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) Modifications in the Master Plan for Delhi-2001 were made after due notice to the public and after considering objections and suggestions received in response thereto.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

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1212. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कोशिश करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दक्षिण और पश्चिम की ओर जाने वाली रेलगाड़ियों में उपलब्ध सभी सुविधाओं में और सुधार किये जाने की जरूरत है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त चरण दास) (क) और (ख) दक्षिण और पश्चिम की ओर जाने वाली गाड़ियों सहित सभी गाड़ियों में मौजूदा मानदंडों के अनुसार सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था की गयी है, यात्रियों के लिए मुख-सुविधाओं का उन्नयन तथा सुधार करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है। हाल ही में गाड़ियों में कुछ अतिरिक्त सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था की गयी है जिसमें दूसरे दर्जे के शयन-यानों में गद्दियां लगाने, परीक्षण के तौर पर कुछ गाड़ियों में पानी के कूलर लगाने, वातानुकूल शयनयानों में बिस्तरों, कुछ सुपरफास्ट गाड़ियों में गाड़ी अधिष्ठाताओं का चलना, चुनी हुई गाड़ियों में चल गाड़ी सफाई कर्मचारियों, बड़ी लाइन के सवारी-डिब्बों में पानी की टंकी की क्षमता में 1,262 लिटर से 1,820 लिटर तक की वृद्धि करना आदि शामिल हैं।

Ellora Ajanta Development Plan

1213. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ellora-Ajanta Development Plan is pending with Government for formal clearance; and

(b) if so, what are the details and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI-MATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Tourism Development Plan of Ellora-Ajanta Region with an estimated cost of Rs. 195.8 crores has been posed for assistance from the Government of Japan and is under consideration.

Impact of Gulf War on Tourism

1214. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Gulf war on tourism in India;

(b) whether Government propose to postpone 'Visit India 1991' by one year;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI-MATI USHA SINGH): (a) There has been decline of about 20 per cent in foreign tourist traffic to India, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh during January, 1991 as compared to the arrivals during the same month of the previous year. The decline is primarily due to the Gulf war.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.