

में भारत की कुछ घटनाओं के विपरीत प्रचार सहित विभिन्न कारणों से 1990 के दौरान विदेशी पर्यटक आगमनों में कमी आई है। पर्यटक यातायात में कमी के कारण देश में पर्यटन उद्योग प्रभावित हुआ है। तथापि, उद्योग अथवा राज्य को हुई हानि का परिमाण करण संभव नहीं है।

(ग) पर्यटक भेजने वाले देशों में से मावी पर्यटकों और यातायात व्यवसाय को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए कूटनीतिक चैनलों और सीधे प्रचार के माध्यम से प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

Light Rail Transit System to Andhra Pradesh

1223. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to introduce the Light Rail Transit System in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any feasibility studies have been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh engaged M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) in March, 1988 to conduct a Techno-economic Feasibility Study for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System. M/s. RITES have suggested the introduction of a Light Rail Transit System covering a total distance of 22.5 kms. costing approximately Rs. 306 crores at 1988 prices. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded this project for the consideration of the Government of India. The matter now stands referred back to the State Government seeking clarification on many aspects including the economic viability of the project and the funding pattern proposed. The report of the State Government on these aspects has not been received so far.

News-item under Caption 'Railways may not get ADB Loan

1224. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled 'Railways may not get ADB loan', mentioning that the Indian Railways' inability to utilise \$ 190 million Asian Development Bank Loan for procurement of locomotives has jeopardised the prospects of fresh US\$ 300 million loan package;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of 30 locomotives (4000 HP) linked to transfer of technology for indigenous manufacture was thwarted because an expert committee appointed by the Planning Commission to examine the 'Feasibility of imports' could not submit the report before the expiry of validity of the offers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the revised offers received are substantially higher and lot of delay has occurred in opening up negotiations to persuade bidders to agree to the former terms;

(d) whether ADB loan earmarked for imports might become inoperable due to the delay; and

(e) what steps Government would take to avoid such delays on account of infructuous studies of external agencies not involved in decision making?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) The Government is aware of the Press report titled "Railways may not get ABD Loan", in the "Financial Observer" dated 13th February, 1. 991.

(b) No. Sir. While the commercial bids for procurement of 6000 HP AC three phase freight and passenger locomotives were in the final stages of consideration Planning Commission constituted an Expert Committee to go into this issue. The Committee