

Development of tourists spots in Rajasthan

48. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop tourists spots in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total financial allocation for the next three years for development of tourism, State-wise, in the entire country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following projects are being considered for Central financial assistance to Rajasthan for the current year (1990-91):

1. Tourist Complex at Boondi.
2. Tourist Complex at Sawai Madhopur.
3. Tourist Bungalow at Fall.
4. Tourist Bungalow at Alwar.
5. Wayside facilities at Dholpur.
6. Expansion at Mahuwa.
7. Cafeteria at Kasarkyari.
8. Tourist Accommodation at Pushkar.
9. Water sports equipment for Jaisamand Lake.
10. Floodlighting at Jaisalmer Fort.
11. Floating restaurant at Udaipur.

(c) The Central financial assistance is extended Scheme-wise and not State-wise.

Wastage of foodgrains

49. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of foodgrains wasted after the first packing till it reaches the consumer finally;

(b) what is the percentage of food-grains damaged in transit and pilfered; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to avoid this in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Transit and storage losses arise due to a variety of reasons, such as vagaries of whether deterioration in quality during storage, moisture loss, losses due to multiple handling and movement etc. or due to theft and pilferage. The value and percentage of transit and storage shortages during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Value of shortages (Rs. in crores)	Percentage of shortage in terms of quantity over purchase + sales
1987-88 . . .	170	1.72
1988-89 . . .	114	1.25
1989-90 . . .	88	0.85

(c) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce losses on account of storage and transit shortages. Some of the important measures taken in this regard are:

(i) Strict enforcement of quality specifications relating to moisture during procurement of foodgrains;

(ii) Reduction in the quantum of foodgrains filled in the each bag;

(iii) Installation of weight-bridges in depots having capacity of 5000 tonnes or more;

(iv) Minimising the use of open wagons;

(v) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at

depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verification etc;

(vi) Augmentation of covered storage capacity;

(vii) Introduction of machine stitching of bags.

Development of State Capitals

50. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans to develop State capitals with a special allocation from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): There is no special scheme for grant of Central assistance to the State Governments for developing their State Capitals, Urban Development is a State subject and it is for the concerned State Governments to find measures for the purpose from their Plan allocations.

(b) Does not arise.

Downward Trend in Tourist flow in India

51. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been continuous decline in the Tourists visiting India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage growth of tourists in flow in India;

(d) whether Government have extended concessions to tourists within the country in its ITDC tourist resorts; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been a decline in foreign tourist traffic in India during 1990 and during January 1991 due to various reasons including adverse publicity of disturbances in some parts of the country in the overseas markets, reduced air seat capacity in the domestic sector, political and economic developments in the tourist generating countries including Soviet Union and the Gulf crisis.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to encourage tourist inflow in India include introduction of multien-try visas, simplification of procedure for obtaining visas, relaxation of rules regarding restricted area permits, provision of money changing facilities in hotels and other establishments, up-gradation of tourism infrastructural facilities and strengthening of tourism promotional efforts.

(d) and (e) ITDC has extended concessions in the form of various packages like students and Farmers Package Senior Citizen Silverline package, LTC Package, Weekend Package, You and me Package, etc. to domestic tourists.

Stoppage of subsidy on the production of Foodgrains

52. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been providing food-grains subsidy to the farmers with a view to boost up its production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether IMF/World Bank etc. have imposed any pre-condition of stopping the subsidy on the produc-