

(b) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) The development of places of tourist interest is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to States for strengthening of tourist infrastructure for specific proposals based on their merit, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. For the year 1990-91 the Ministry of Tourism has prioritised in consultation with the U.P. Government 29 projects for financial assistance which includes 22 schemes for wayside amenities, 3 schemes for tourist complexes and one scheme each for fast food counter, yatri niwas, forest lodge and sound & light show.

Names of model stations developed in U.P

191. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the model railway stations which have been developed in UP during the last six months;

(b) what are the names of railway stations in UP, which have been identified for development during the next year,

(c) whether Government propose to provide more amenities for passengers at Faizabad railway station in UP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Meerut City, Lucknow (NR), Allahabad Jn, Moradabad Jn, Lucknow Jn (NER), Gorakhpur Jn., Kathgodam, Allahabad City and Agra Fort Jn, Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh have been identified for development as Model Stations. Works in this regard at all these stations are in progress and are expected to be completed by middle of VIII Five Year Plan subject to availability of funds.

(b) Development of stations is a continuous process and the same is done as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with, subject to availability of funds and relative needs of various other stations. Development works to be undertaken at various stations during 1991-92 are to be decided on the actual availability of funds.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Faizabad Railway Station is being extensively developed at a cost of Rs. 251 crore.

Import of pulses

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the prices of pulses have shown a steep rise during the current year; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) what steps Government have taken to reduce their prices;

(c) whether Government propose to import pulses to bring down the prices, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) The month-end Wholesale Price Index number of pulses as a whole moved from 212.4 in November, 1989 to 237.3 in November, 1990 registering an increase of 11.7 per cent. The increase is mainly due to the fact that domestic production has not kept pace with the domestic demand

(b) Government is regularly reviewing the prices. Necessary measures have been taken to increase production of pulses in the country. Their availability is also being augmented by imports. The custom duty on pulses was reduced from 35 per cent to 10 per cent from 1-11-1989 so that the prices of pulses are also brought down.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to import pulses on Government account. However, import of pulses continues to be allowed under the Open General Licence (OGL) and NAFED is the registering agency for import of pulses. NAFED has registered a quantity of 6.98 lakh tonnes for import during 1990-91 (Upto November, 1990), against a quantity of 7.20 lakh tonnes registered during the whole of the financial year 1989-90.

Setting up of new Sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh

193 KUMARI ALIA:

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA
Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL AND SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some more sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh during the next year, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not initiate proposals for setting up of new sugar factories. The proposals have to come from entrepreneurs, who after assessing the techno-economic viability of the projects, submit applications for grant of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of new sugar factories at specific locations. There applications are then considered by the Central Government according to the licensing policy guidelines and other parameters stipulated in this regard.

Increased demand for seats in Vaigai and Pallavan express trains

194. SHRI TINDIVANAM G
VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to

meet the increased demand for seats in Vaigai and Pallavan Express trains,

(b) how many unreserve coaches have been provided in these superfast trains, and

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the growing traffic demand between Trichi and Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Introduction of additional trains and augmentation of train composition is a continuous process subject to resource availability, operational feasibility and traffic justification.

(b) There are generally three unreserved coaches running by each of these trains.

(c) Existing train facilities are considered adequate for the present level of traffic between Trichi and Madurai.

Agreement with Radisson Hotel Corporation of U.S.A.

195 SHRI PASUMPON THA
KIRUTTINAN
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1925 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1990 and state the number of bookings which ITDC have received from Radisson Hotels International network, Hotel-wise and amount received so far since the agreement was signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): The agreements take some time before resultant flow of bookings take place. So far, only 1 room night booking has been received from recently concluded agreement with M/s Radisson Hotels Corporation accruing an income of US \$106.