

• sea beaches in the country including Orissa; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Development of beach tourism in the country is one of the thrust areas of the Central Department of Tourism. Under this scheme the Department provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure like accommodation, provision of equipment for water-sports, etc. Development of beach resorts is being undertaken in a controlled manner, keeping in view the environmental considerations. Construction of tourist facilities is permitted beyond 500 metres of the high tide line except in case of four beaches where construction is permitted between 500 and 200 metres of the high tide line, subject to certain guidelines and safeguards.

The Department has sanctioned projects in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal and their implementation schedule varies from State to State depending upon the location of the project, its size, executing agency, etc.

As regards Orissa, the State Government have not submitted the revised pro-

posals for financial assistance for development of beach resorts at Chandipur, Paradeep, Gopalpur and Mohododhiniwas, cleared by the Inter-Ministerial Committee.

Expansion of ITDC hotels

1773. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand the existing India Tourism Development Corporation hotels in the country and also to establish some new hotels during the current year;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked therefor;

(c) the places identified for the location of new hotels;

(d) whether Government are monitoring the performance of the existing hotels; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) ITDC's Annual Plan 1989-90 includes a provision of Rs 330.00 lakhs for expansion of the following accommodation properties owned and operated by them:—

Name of Property	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	Estimated cost	Approved outlay for 1989-90
Expansion and conversion of Travellers' Lodge at Manali into a hotel	88.00	60.00
Expansion of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort	309.00	125.00
Expansion of Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	143.00	95.00
Expansion of Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	160.00	50.00
		330.00

