

High-Powered Committee on Tourism

2674. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1022 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1985 and state;

(a) whether the High-Powered Committee appointed in the first week of April 1985 to study and submit a report on the problems of tourism promotion and remedial measures has submitted its report;

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

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when the report is likely to be submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee studied various problem areas and made recommendations inter alia on charters and air fares, policy on visa, facilitation at airports, import of vehicles and other equipment needed by tourism industry, funds for stimulating primary consumer demand and promotion of domestic tourism.

(c) Does not arise.

Man-power for execution of development schemes

2675. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many development plan schemes concerning agriculture, irrigation, 'soil and water conservation, drinking water supply, education and health in backward areas like Arunachal Pradesh remain unexecuted due to absence of proper manpower;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to ban on creation of posts—both plan and non-plan, suitable staff are not available; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to lift the ban on creation of posts especially for backward areas like Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) According to information available, most of the Sixth Plan outlays have been utilised, though there have been shortfalls in certain sectors because of constraints of transport, availability of materials etc. No major instances of non-execution of schemes in the North Eastern Region on account of lack of manpower has come to the notice of the Government. Further, an institute called the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology has been set up at Itanagar to produce trained skilled manpower.

(b) and (c) The ban on creation of posts was imposed by the Government for reasons of economy. However, in regard to proposals relating to creation of posts in the Union Territories of the North-East Region including Arunachal Pradesh, Government considers sympathetically such proposals where justification is established, in relaxation of the ban.

जबलपुर के निकट संगमरमर चट्टानों पर पुंज-प्रकाश

2676. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने जबलपुर के निकट भेरा-घाट में संगमरमर चट्टानों पर पुंज-प्रकाश की व्यवस्था करने के लिए अनुदानों की मांग की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह मांग कब की गई थी और इस प्रयोजन के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा अब तक कितनी राशि दी गई है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने