

है। मालूम नहीं मेरे दोस्त होम मिनिस्टर
साहब को ऐसा कोई प्रेम पत्र प्राप्त
हुआ है या नहीं ?

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, keeping in contact with Sikh communities outside is a part of my occupation. Let me assure the House that even to this day, Kha-listan supporters form a miniscule minority, but a very active one. My own experience last year when I was trying to speak at Calgary was that in an attendance of nearly 3,000 Sikhs and when I mentioned Ganga Singh Dhillon's name, a few of them threatened that they would not allow me to speak and they had to be removed by the police. Thereafter, when I just said that instead of polluting the name of the Ganga, he should change his name to Potomac Singh, the crowd roared with laughter. What I want to say is that Khalistan has absolutely no support even outside India. However, the way our Government agencies have handled the question of the Sikhs is very ham-handed and! amateurist. Vast sums of money have been thrown away, sending video cassettes and publishing glossy magazines with pictures of Sikhs who had gained eminence, has made us a laughing stock in the Indian Community. It is also quite obvious that behind this movement are Pakistanis who are actively participating with the Khalistani agitation. We have to isolate them. Also on subjects like human rights, we are vulnerable—whether you blind people in Bihar jails or have special legislation

MR. CHAIRMAN; Mr. Khushwant Singh, put your question.

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: I am coming to it. All I am trying to say is that we have other means of putting across our point of view. Do our embassies maintain liaison with local papers published in English and in Indian languages which have considerable circulation among the Indian communities there and try to

sustain them either monetarily or with subscriptions? Number two, do we maintain a list of people of Indian origin who are active in "these movements? Do we distinguish between those who have got foreign passports or green cards and those who still hold Indian passports? If we have this information, I would like to know whether these are available.

SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN: I would like to answer the second part of his question first. Whatever information we have on the account we would not like to disclose. As far as our contact with newspapers and media is concerned, certainly we do keep contact with those newspapers in those countries which are not hostile to us.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Next question.

*44. (*The questioner (Shri R. Ramakrishnan) was absent. For answer vide cols. 33-34 infra.*)

*45. (*The questioner (Shri Jag-dambi Prasad Yadav) was absent. For answer vide Cols. 34-35 infra.*)

Introduction of air services to Shimla

*46. SHRIMATI USHA
MALHOTRA:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:!

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: I

(a) whether it is a fact that all State Capitals in the country except Shimla are connected by air services;

(b) whether Government propose to connect Shimla by air services; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, by when the air services to Shimla are likely to be started?

-(■The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Lokesh Chandra.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present on airfield is available at Shimla. Vayudoot has, however, plans to air-link Shimla as soon as an airfield and other infra-structural facilities have been developed,

डा० लोकेश चन्द्र : क्या भारत सरकार की नीति है कि राज्यों की राजधानियों को दिल्ली से जोड़ा जाए ? यदि यह नीति है तो पिछले 15 वर्षों से हिमाचल प्रदेश की मांग कि शिमला में विमान क्षेत्र की स्थापना हो तो उसको अब तक क्यों नकारा जाता रहा है ?

श्री अशोक गहलोत : मान्यवर, नकारा नहीं जा रहा है । हिमाचल प्रदेश की मांग रही है वहां पर एयरपोर्ट बनाने की और इस दिशा में हमारा मंत्रालय प्रयास कर रहा है और हमें उम्मीद है कि बहुत जल्दी इसमें सफलता मिलेगी । प्रधान मंत्री जी भी इसमें सभी अधिकारियों को निर्देश दे चुके हैं कि शिमला की बहुत पुरानी मांग को देखते हुए वहां पर काम की स्पीड को बढ़ाया जाए । मुझे उम्मीद है कि दो-तीन सालों में यह काम पूरा हो जायेगा जहां तक नीति की बात है उसके आधार पर हम चल रहे हैं । अभी हिमाचल प्रदेश के अलावा सिर्फ सिक्किम ऐसा प्रदेश है जहां पर उसकी कैपिटल में एयर-फील्ड की कमी के कारण एयर सेवा प्रारम्भ नहीं की जा सकी । मुझे उम्मीद है कि यह काम आने वाले वर्षों में पूरा हो जायेगा । इस संबंध में संबंध फाइव-इयर प्लान में प्रस्ताव रखा है ।

डा० लोकेश चन्द्र : क्या मैं यह समझूँ कि सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में आपने जो शिमला, सिक्किम और अन्य राजधानियों में विमान क्षेत्र स्थापित करने के लिए प्रबन्ध किया है, ये सचमुच में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में बन जाएंगे अथवा केवल पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं

में आएंगे और उनको बनने में 10-15 वर्ष लग जाएंगे ? क्या मंत्री महोदय कोई सुनिश्चित रूप से बता सकते हैं कि किस वर्ष तक शिमला और गंगटोक में विमान क्षेत्र बन जाएंगे ?

श्री अशोक गहलोत : शिमला के बारे में कह चुका हूँ । मुझे विश्वास है कि 1988 तक हम लोग इसमें सफल हो जाएंगे और गंगटोक के लिए भी हमने डी० जी० सी० ए० को कहा है । उन्होंने जाकर साइट का सिलेक्शन भी किया है । उस दिशा में हम आगे बढ़ रहे हैं । मुझे उम्मीद है कि सातवीं प्लान में हमने इस बारे में जैसा कहा है, हमें उस दिशा में सफलता मिलेगी ?

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: In this connection I would like to bring to the attention of the Minister that we made several representations to the Government of India orally and in writing and recently our Chief Minister, Mr. Rama Rao also wrote to the Prime Minister about the need to have the Hyderabad airport...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Irrelevant. Next Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta...

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: No, Sir; this is relevant because...

MR. CHAIRMAN: At this rate everybody will talk about every capital.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: All right. I will put another form, I have got my Special Mention ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already called Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta. Please sit down. I will give you another chance after Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: The honourable Minister has been very kind to say that he is making efforts to start an air service to Shimla but he has his inability to do so because of lack of suitable aircraft. I

think that he is considering only the fixed wing aircraft for this purpose. Has he considered starting a helicopter service perhaps from Chandigarh during this period till 1988? This could perhaps be considered for Sikkim also. Secondly, has he also considered taking help from flying clubs in respect of starting a feeder service, Shimla?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Mr. Chair-an, we have considered helicopters so. We have considered flying clubs so, and if Mr. Gupta likes, we will consider his balloon also. But the economic factors are such that only fixed wings are available.

VIR. CHAIRMAN: Now I give an answer to you, Mr. Satyanarayan. Please put a relevant question.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN RED-: I would like the Minister of State External Affairs to give me an answer to my question. As a matter of fact, he has got हर मर्ज की ही दवा में समझता कि वह नहीं होना चाहिए। उनका सवाल का जवाब एक ही होता है।

>n't want it that way. There are main parts of the country like Jammu, Sikkim, in the north-eastern part in Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, which are very important places from the point of view of defence also from the point of view of unifying the whole country. I would like the honourable Minister to tell whether the Government of India is thinking of having direct connection from Delhi to these cities.

श्री अशोक गहलोत : श्रीमान्, यह कंटीन्यूअस प्रोसेस है जिसके लिए हर छः महीने के बाद नये स जोड़ने की कोशिश करते हैं। तो हमारे पास केपेसिटी है उसके लिए कवर कर पाते हैं।

Establishment of a Tourism Market Development Fund

*47. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Tourism Market Development Fund; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

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

(b) The details are still to be worked out.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: I would like to know whether the Government has decided to establish a Tourism Development Fund and whether the Government held discussions with representatives of the private sector, and, if so, when the modalities of the operation are going to start.

श्री अशोक गहलोत : श्रीमान्, इसको प्राइवेट सेक्टर में लाने की बात नहीं है। यह तो पब्लिक कमिशन का एक वर्किंग ग्रुप बना है। उसने भी यह रिकमेंड किया है कि टूरिज्म मार्केटिंग डेवलपमेंट फंड बनना चाहिए। इसलिए जैसा मैंने अपने मूल जवाब में कहा है, अभी इसके लिए कोई डिटेल्ड वर्क आउट नहीं की गई है। मोटे तौर पर हम यह चाहेंगे कि इस फंड के माध्यम से टूरिज्म की जो प्रमोशनल एक्टिविटीज हैं उनको और ज्यादा बढ़ावा दिया जा सके और इसमें गवर्नमेंट के अलावा जो प्राइवेट सेक्टर है, उसको भी हम शामिल करना चाहेंगे।

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Sir, it is a fact that the private sector is doing better. That is a fact. I want to know what the other areas are where the money is to be spent. Where is the money to be spent? How is it to be spent on hotels and other things?

MR. CHAIRMAN- I cannot follow the question. How can the Minister follow?