

Development of Tourism in Orissa

1789. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited places of tourist interest in Orissa during the last year; and

(b) the step Government propose to take to develop such places to promote tourist traffic in the state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) Statistics of foreign tourist arrivals are not compiled State-wise. However, as per the Foreign Tourist Survey 1982-83 about 1.58 per cent of the foreign tourists visiting India spent at least a night in Orissa.

(b) The Central Government has taken up a number of schemes for the development of infrastructural facilities in Orissa. These include the development of Lion Safari at Nandan Kanan, construction of a forest lodge at Simlipal, provision of boats at Chilka Lake and floodlighting of Khandagiri and Udaygiri. Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, a registered society, has also taken up the construction of a Yatrika at Puri. In addition, the master plan for Konark has been completed and master plans for Lalitagiri-Udaygiri-Ratnagiri as well as for Chilka Lake are under preparation.

Computer Literacy Programme

1790. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of computer literacy programme in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these computers are not functioning properly for lack of maintenance; and

(c) what is the feedback of this project from schools where computers are installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SPACE AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Project was launched by the Department of Electronics in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education. 250 schools were selected throughout the country along with 42 resource centres to provide technical support to these schools. About 750 teachers were imparted training at various resource centres during 1984-85. The micro-computers have been installed in most of the schools throughout the country.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Based on their experience of evaluating SITE (Satellite Instructional Television Experiment) programme, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad has been assigned the task of evaluating the pilot project and give the feed back. Their preliminary report is expected by June 1986.

Effect of Depredation of Himalayas on Badrinath

1791. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Badrinath, the holy city of the Himalayas, is threatened by the persistent depredations of forests in Garhwal and is in danger of being inaccessible in the near future; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b)

The Himalayas are a relatively young and geologically weak formation lying in an active seismic belt. Therefore, deforestation may result in landslides and further instability. The remedial steps include:

(1) Action Oriented Himalayan Eco-Development Programme, involving all

hill Universities, research institutions and Voluntary Agencies, on various aspects of integrated mountain development, has been under operation since 1982. Garur Ganga Catchment development has been taken up by the volunteers on their own;

(2) An Institute of Himalyan Environment and Development with a network of Field Centres of Advanced Studies is in the process of being set up to undertake research and development programmes in the Himalyan region include Garhwal Himalayas. The Garhwal University has been identified as one of the centres. The programme of the Institute will include ecosystem studies, landslide hazard sonation, watershed management and soil erosion control;

(3) Field Demonstration project on Eco-Development of Badrinath region has also been prepared.

(4) Green felling has been banned above 1000 m. altitude and also on slopes steeper than 30.

(5) A detailed proposal for afforestation and treatment of the Alakanand Catchment is being prepared for priority implementation.

Misconduct of Indian Hockey Players in the Asia Cup held in Dhaka

1792. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDI-
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SHRI M. KADHARSHA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's representative at the Council of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) was absent at the Council's meeting at Brussels where the conduct of some of the Indian Hockey players in the Asia Cup Final held in Dhaka in January, 1985 was discussed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Organizers of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) was not even aware that the

discussion on the Dhaka incident was on the agenda of the meeting and that the IHF did not receive any report on the incident either from the FIH technical delegates for the Asia Cup or the FIH headquarters at Brussels;

(c) whether Government propose to look into this reported communication gap; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the Indian Hockey players do not get involved in such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) These matters concern the Indian Hockey Federation from whom detailed and accurate information has been sought.

(c) and (d) Steps concerning these matters have to be taken by the Indian Hockey Federation.

सरकार: अधिकारियों द्वारा परिसंपत्ति की घोषणा

1793. श्री हुवम देव नारायण यादव:
श्री विश्व गोस्वामी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के श्रेणी I तथा श्रेणी II के अधिकारियों को अपनी परिसंपत्तियों की घोषणा करते हुये एक वार्षिक विवरण देना पड़ता है ;

(ख) ऐसे वित्तन अधिकारी हैं जिन्होंने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अपनी परिसंपत्ति की घोषणा नहीं की है तथा उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ग) क्या उन अधिकारियों द्वारा गलत विवरण दिये जाने का कोई मामला सरकार के ध्यान मे आया है ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?