

Appalling Condition of Rooms in Ashoka Hotel

1253. SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in certain section of press on the 12th September, 1984 regarding the appalling condition of rooms in Ashoka Hotel, Delhi;

(b) whether any investigation has been ordered into the charges levelled by members of Mr. Zubin Mehta's Orchestra; and

(c) what are the steps Government propose to take to improve the living and catering facilities in Government managed hotels?

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

(b) ITDC Management did not receive any specific complaint from the members of Mr. Zubin Mehta's Orchestra. However, based on the reports that appeared in the Press, the Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee of the Department of Tourism inspected the Ashoka Hotel. ITDC Management had taken necessary action on the recommendations made by the Committee to improve further the working of the Hotel.

(c) The improvement of living and catering facilities in all hotels is a continuous process consisting of product improvement and manpower development and training. This is monitored both by the ITDC and the Government on a continuous basis.

Celebrations of Mizo Independence Day

1254. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outlawed Mizo National Front and its armed

wing, the Mizo National Army recently celebrated the nineteenth Mizo Independence Day to commemorate the armed rising by it on the 28th February, 1966.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely impact this reported celebration is going to have on the current negotiation which is going on between Government and Shri Laldenga?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The MNF functionaries celebrated the 'Independence Day' at Aizawl, on 1st March, 1985 to commemorate the launching of their arms struggle on the night of February 28—1st March, 1966.

(b) The 'Independence Day' was observed by the MNF functionaries by holding a meeting at a private residence in Aizawl. In their speeches at the meeting, the MNF leaders expressed the hope that their movement would come to an end soon.

(c) No impact has been felt on the talks with Shri Laldenga.

On-going projects undertaken by I.T.D.C.

1255. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of on going projects of the I.T.D.C., presently undertaken by itself or in collaboration with State Governments; and

(b) by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Necessary information is given in the enclosed Statement.