

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): Total expenditure incurred by India Tourism Development Corporation so far on selection of Management Trainees is Rs. 2.90 lakhs. Taking into account committed expenditure, the total expenditure on this account is estimated to be Rs. 3.40 lakhs.

Gauhati Airport

2086. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the daily average movement of passengers at the Gauhati Airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that the strength of the airport staff is inadequate to attend to the passengers and the flights;

(c) whether there is no provision for supply of drinking water for the waiting passengers; and

(d) whether medical facilities are available at the Gauhati Airport?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The present average daily movement of passengers at Gauhati Airport is approximately 900.

(b) Apart from the Manager, there are 4 officers, 28 staff and 36 porters at Gauhati. Indian Airlines has already taken action to augment the strength of staff and porters at Gauhati to facilitate smoother handling of services.

(c) and (d). Adequate provision for supply of drinking water and medical facilities are available at the Gauhati Airport.

Development of Tourist Resorts in Maharashtra

2087. SHRI SURESH SHAMRAO KALMADI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any steps to develop the tourist resorts in Maharashtra during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the financial allocations for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b). The Yatri Niwas at Sewagram constructed by the Central Department of Tourism at a total cost of Rs. 16.07 lakhs will be commissioned during the current year. Two proposals received from the State Government for participation by the Centre in electrification of Sant Dnyaneshwar Udyan at Jayakwadi and for mounting Son-et-Lumiere shows at various places in Maharashtra is also under examination.

Another proposal under consideration is the construction of a hotel at Bombay Airport by ITDC and the International Airports Authority of India. The details have yet to be finalised.

Tourist Publicity Literature for Attracting Tourists To Karnataka

2088. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have produced various types of tourist publicity literature for attracting tourists to the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what places these brochures are displayed;

(c) whether such brochures/pamphlets are also sent abroad to attract foreign tourists;

(d) what are the countries where such brochures/pamphlets are displayed and what is the outcome of displaying them; and

(e) what are the other methods used for attracting tourists to the State of Karnataka, both in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, as part of its continuing publicity production