

For their stay in Delhi, pilgrims will be required to make their own arrangements till their time of departure from Delhi under U.P. Government arrangements.

Further details of arrangements made will be supplied by post to those selected to undertake the pilgrimage.

Influx of foreigners visiting India during Asiad 82

793. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken adequate steps to meet the influx of foreigners visiting India, particularly New Delhi, at the time of Asiad 82;

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

(c) whether additional facilities have been made for local visitors from neighbouring States; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following steps have been taken to meet the influx of tourists, particularly to New Delhi, during Asiad 1982:

(i) Besides the existing 36 hotels with 3941 rooms in Delhi on the approved list of the Department of Tourism, 2196 additional rooms in 11 new hotels are expected to be commissioned in time for Asiad 1982.

(ii) In addition, 527 rooms (1200 beds) will also be made available in Ashok Yatri Niwas for the budget tourists, both domestic and international.

(iii) The Delhi Tourism Development Corporation is identifying pay-

ing guest accommodation besides setting up camping sites with tented accommodation to meet the overflow of tourists unable to get hotel accommodation.

Construction of runway at Vagaikulam in Tamil Nadu

794. SHRI V. VENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation of funds has been made in the annual plan for 1982-83 for the construction of runway at Vagaikulam near Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what is the amount that has been allocated for the purpose; and

(c) what would be the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a lumpsum provision exists for development of airport for the third level air service.

(c) A rough estimate for construction of an aerodrome suitable for third level operations is under preparation.

Sound and Light Programme at Mahabalipuram

795. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start 'Sound and Light Programme' at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what progress has been achieved by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Department of Tourism have agreed in principle to