(b) what is the amount of money Government have advanced as capital loan to Trade Fair Authority of India for the purpose and on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, air-conditioning of some covered space in the Pragati Maidan has been done.

(b) Government have not advanced any loan to the Authority for the purpose.

Advertising Agents of Trade Fair Authority of India

2333. SHRI SHRIDHAR WASU-DEO DHABE:

SHRI M. S. RAMACHAND-RAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it i_S a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India has appointed M/s. Hindustan Thompson as their advertising agents;
- (b) if so, since when and on what terms; and
- (c) the reasons for giving preference to this agency over D.A.V.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN):
(a) Yes, Sir, M/s. Hindustan Thompson Associates Ltd. have been appointed as one of the advertising agents of the Authority.

- (b) Since September, 1980. Publicity jobs are not done from this advertising agency on job-to-job basis after Authority's prior approval in each case.
- (c) This agency was considered by the Authority as better suited for its publicity requirements.

Development Schemes of Tourist Spots in Gujarat

2334. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tourist spots of Gujarat have not found place in priority development schemes of tourist places of India;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;
- (c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what further measures are proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) the tourist places of Gujarat which receive or are likely to receive Central assistance for tourism development alongwith details of development schemes?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. A statement showing the facilities provided for the development of tourism in Gujarat during the various Plan periods is attached

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.
- (d) No Central assistance is given in the Tourism Sector. Schemes are taken up either in the Central Sector or the State Sector. It is not possible at this stage to indicate which tourist centres will be developed in Gujarat in the Central Sector as the Sixth Plan 1980—85 is still being finalised.

Statement

Tourism schemes undertaken in the Gujarat in the Central Sector during Second, Third Plans, Three Annual Plans, Fourth and Fifth Plan and during 1978-79 and 1979-80.

Name of Scheme Expnditure

(Rs.)

Second Five Year Plan

1. Tourist Bureau at Ahmedabad 5,046