

**Resource position vis-a-vis the recommendations of Seventh Finance Commission**

1029. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of the recommendations of the Seventh Finance Commission, as accepted by Government on the resource position of the Central Government; and

(b) how does the Central Government propose to augment its resource position in the light of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) and (b) As a result of the recommendations of the Seventh Finance Commission, there will be a larger transfer to the States as their share of Central taxes and duties and less recoveries of loans due to rescheduling partly offset by reduction in grants-in-aid under article 275 of the Constitution to cover their assessed non-Plan revenue gaps. The net transfers to the States on this account in 1979-80, at 1978-79 rates of taxation, would be approximately Rs. 1196 crores more than in the current year. The impact of the larger transfers in 1979-80 has been reflected in the Budget for that year, which has also sought to cope with the resultant larger deficit in the Central Budget.

**Integrated approach to tourism**

1030. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:

SHRI SHIVDAYAL SINGH CHAURASIA:

SHRI PIARE LAL KUREEL  
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far integrated approach to tourism has not been finalised;

(b) what steps are contemplated to provide more facilities and attractions to incoming tourists; and

(c) by when Government's tourism policy will be finalised and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) The development and promotion of tourism have been undertaken in an integrated manner. Though the investment in projects and programmes in areas of international importance are being undertaken in the Central Sector, and in areas of importance to domestic and local tourism in the State Sector, co-ordination and integration are achieved at the Five Year Plan and Annual Plan discussions, and in discussions with the State Governments from time to time. The Tourism Plan is also closely linked with the plans of the national and international airlines, and with that of other Ministries and Departments of the Central Government concerned such as Railways, Shipping and Transport, Department of Forests, Archaeological Survey of India, etc.

(b) In addition to the existing facilities, the following are being provided to attract more tourists:—

(i) Major improvements are being made at the four international airports and clearance formalities have been simplified.

(ii) Facilities for water sports, trekking for youth are being developed.

(iii) Inexpensive, clean and comfortable accommodation is being provided through the construction of Janata Hotels for budget-minded tourists.

(iv) Introduction of direct air-service with more frequency between West Asia and Trivandrum has helped to increase the flow of tourists to South India.

(c) This is in the process of finalisation.