

Transport facilities for tourists in Rajasthan

†5085. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether transport facilities for tourist centers in Rajasthan are sufficient;

(b) whether any plan to provide air traffic facility to Jaisalmer, Udaipur, Kota, Bikaner, Jaipur, Mount Abu etc. is under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any arrangement for the budget tourist also on the line of palace on wheels is also to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Government have laid down route Dispersal Guidelines for better regulation of air transport services after taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government of Rajasthan.

Supply of drinking water by private sector

5086. SHRI SHAHIL SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of drinking water in many areas of the country is given in the hands of private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to supply clean water in all the towns of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No,

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