

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN; It is not the way of getting out of any mess by disowning loans that we have contracted from other countries. We will continue to make the payments because they are the contracts made between two honourable countries.

श्री सुरज प्रसाद : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने जो जवाब दिया उससे लगता है कि जितना कर्जा हम विदेशों से लेते हैं, उसको हमें दे देना पड़ता है। तो क्या सरकार यहाँ बतलायेगी कि पञ्चवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत जो चार हजार करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा की जरूरत होगी, उस गैप को भरने के लिए सरकार के पास क्या योजना है ?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : It is too large a question. I do not know what reply should be given. यह कोई स्पेसिफिक

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: May I request the hon. Minister to give figures for the last two or three years indicating the net inflow and net outflow? That will clear the position.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : I will try to give you the figures. It can be explained in terms of utilisation now. In 1969-70, the total utilisation was 856 crores. Total project and non-project aid was about 667 crores and PL 480 and other food assistance was 189 crores. The debt servicing was 4.2 crores. So the net aid was 444 crores in 1969. As against this, in 1971-72, the aid utilisation was practically of the same size, i.e., 834 crores. The project and non-project aid was 690 crores and PL 480 aid was about 144 crores. The debt servicing figure went up to 479 crores. Therefore, the net aid was about 355 crores. In 1972-73, the total utilisation was 664 crores and the debt servicing was 514 crores. So, the net aid was 150 2—40 RSS/73

crores, therefore, you will see that debt servicing is somewhat increasing. At the same time, the net aid is decreasing..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

3/4. Star Hotels

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the progress so far made in having a large number of 3 and 4-star hotels in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI) : At present there are 187 hotels on the approved list of the Department of Tourism with a total capacity of 11,890 rooms, of which 144 hotels with 8,510 rooms have been classified so far. Of the classified hotels, 56 hotels with a total capacity of 3,353 rooms are in the 3 and 4-star categories.. To further augment the number of such hotels in the country, the India Tourism Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking, plans to concentrate on the construction of these categories of hotels during the Fifth Five Year Plan period. It is also anticipated that the completion of a number of private sector hotel projects which have been approved by the Department of Tourism from the point of view of their suitability for foreign tourists, will make a substantial addition to the room capacity in these categories.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.