

- (iv) Restoration and development works
- (v) Catchment management works
- (vi) Infrastructure facilities and
- (vii) Public awareness

An amount of Rs. 177.44 crore has so far been released to Jammu and Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (J&K LWDA), the State implementation agency for the project against which an expenditure of Rs. 159.61 crore has been incurred under the project.

Operation and maintenance of assets created under the project is the responsibility of the State Government.

Single Window Clearance System

3370. SHRI A.A. JINNAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in the absence of Single Window Clearance System, the tourism industry suffers from frustrating delays due to unclear lengthy procedures; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start Single Window Clearance System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. New hotel projects have to obtain multiple clearances from various Central/State Government/UT Administration authorities. Therefore with a view to facilitate the timely clearance of such projects, the Ministry of Tourism has been requesting other ministries and the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time to introduce a single window system for clearance of hotel projects.

Decline in foreign tourists

3371. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decrease in the arrival of foreign tourists to the country for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that negative reporting by the media was one of the reasons for the decrease in foreign tourists arrivals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard to set right the corrective-ness existing in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (d); The estimated number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during January to November, 2010 was 4.93 million as compared to 4.46 million during the corresponding period of 2009 registering a growth rate of 10.4%. However, the number of FTAs in India during 2009 was 5.11 million, registering a decline of 3.3% over 2008. The decline in 2009 may be due to various reasons including global slowdown, H1N1 pandemic, etc.

Foreign Tourists Arrivals to any country depends on various factors like safety and security, health, season, cost, publicity etc. The Ministry of Tourism undertakes a series of promotional activities in overseas market with the objective of increasing foreign tourist arrivals to the country. These activities include advertising, participation in travel fairs, exhibitions, road shows, India Evenings, seminars and publication of brochures etc.

Building collapse in Delhi

3372. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent building collapse in Delhi leading to deaths of several people;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main reason for the collapse is the illegal construction; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to make model law and regulations for being followed in all the urban areas to prevent illegal constructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the Government of NCT of Delhi has appointed a Commission of Inquiry consisting of single Member, Shri Lokeshwar Prasad, retired Justice Delhi High Court to *inter alia*, determine immediate and proximate cause for the collapse of the building.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry at present.

Shortage of drinking water in Government quarters

3373. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of drinking water in Government quarters under CPWD jurisdiction, especially in Sector-2 of Gole Market, particularly Block Nos. 49 to 55 and H-Block, Type-I, Kali Bari Marg;