

making suitable structural alterations in their premises, providing armed guards and other security arrangements and for the training of staff. Accordingly, 12 currency chests have been established outside the State Bank so far.

HOTEL INDUSTRY IN INDIA

535. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what incentives are provided by Government for the development of hotel industry in India;

(b) how many private parties have come forward so far to make use of these incentives;

(c) what is the total assistance given to these parties to start hotels;

(d) whether it is a fact that of late big business houses have also entered the field of hotel industry; and

(e) if so, what assistance has been given to these houses so far in the constructions of hotels ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Reliefs in the nature of depreciation allowance and development rebate allowance have been provided in the Income Tax Act and a special loan fund has been created for loan assistance to the industry.

(b) and (c) Under the Hotel Development Loan Scheme, loans aggregating to an amount of Rs. 1,151.59 lakhs have been approved for 25 new hotel projects and 3 renovation/expansion projects, all in the private sector, of which a sum of Rs. 431.54 lakhs has been disbursed.

(d) and (e) At present, there are two hotels being run by big business houses. One of these has been granted a loan of Rs. 75 lakhs for renovation/expansion.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT

536. SHRI SHYAM LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable increase in the administrative expenditure of Government as compared to the previous two years; and

(b) if so, whether any measures are being taken to effect economy in the administrative expenditure /

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) The provision for administrative expenditure in the budget estimates for the year 1972-73 shows some increase as compared to the figures for the previous two years. Expenditure on additional interim relief to Central Government staff constitutes a significant element in this increase.

A number of measures have been taken during the last few years for achieving economy in administrative expenditure of Government. Some of the important measures taken are ban on revision of pay scales, partial ban on recruitment to certain categories of post, ban on creation of posts on non-plan side, restrictions on purchase of imported cars, curtailment of travelling allowances, intensification of staff inspection studies, non-filling of vacant posts and restricted budget provision for contingent items of expenditure so as to prevent conspicuous spending on entertainment, furnishings and decorations and strict control on deputation abroad.

Economy effort being a continuous process, the matter is constantly engaging the attention of Government.

ACCIDENT OF FOKKER FRIENDSHIP PLANE AT SILCHAR

537. SHRIK. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Fokker Friendship plane met with an accident at Silchar, if so, when;

(b) whether any inquiry into the cause of accident has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir. The accident occurred on 29th August, 1970.

(b) and (c) A Court of Inquiry was appointed to investigate into the causes of the accident and its report is expected shortly.