

**SUGGESTIONS MADE BY TRAVEL AGENTS
ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

217. SARDARHARCHARAN
SINGH DUGAL :

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Travel Agents Association of India has discussed problems of tourism in a recent conference held at Kathmandu, Nepal and made certain suggestions to the Government to create better conditions in the country to encourage inflow of foreign tourists ;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made by the Travel Agents Association of India in this regard and the reaction of Government thereof ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to promote tourism with the the neighbouring countries ?

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Travel Agents Association of India recommended (i) improvement to terminal facilities at international ar-ports; (ii) immediate selection and purchase of aircrafts for the Indian Airlines ; (iii) introduction of excursion and group fares on Indian Railways and Indian Airlines; (iv) introduction of all-India permits for tourists vehicles and grant of import licences for tourist cars and coaches to the Travel Agents. The Association also recommended that for regional promotion of tourism in the South Asia Travel Commission region, viz., Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Ceylon, Nepal, Outer Mongolia and India, there should be a joint promotional machinery, joint publicity, joint tourist visa, joint health, customs and immigration clearance facilities Tor countries of this region and further that all restrictions on travel for countries within the region be removed and travel to countries with which there is barter trade be free.

The recommendations are being examined by Government.

(c) A ministerial Conference of the South-Asia Travel Commission member-countries was held in Delhi on the

14th and 15th March 1969 on the initiative taken by India to consider how best to achieve the promotion of tourism to the region as a whole, utilizing to the maximum extent the available facilities of the member countries. The Conference adopted resolutions aimed at joint promotion of tourism to countries in the region as also larger flow of tourists from one country to other countries within the region.

ALL INDIA SHIPPING COUNCIL'S SUGGESTIONS

218. SARDAR HARCHARAN
SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND
SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from the All India Shipping Council asking for the review of the entire structure of India's overseas trade;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made by the Council and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government have consulted other trade agencies/business, community on this issue, and if so, what are their view/suggestions etc. in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH)
: (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**POSTING OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE
AT DURGAPUR**

219. SHRI M. SRINIVASA
REDDY:

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India are training their Industrial Security Force for being posted at Durgapur Steel Plant, which has been a troubled spot for all these months; and

(b) the attitude of the Government of West Bengal towards this move of the Government of India ?