

counseling and also manages a shelter home for runaway housemaids and deserted house wives etc.

**Termination of operation by foreign airlines**

\*51. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several foreign airlines have either terminated or are likely to halt their operations due to tariff hike at Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether airport taxes, parking charges and navigational charges in India are very high as compared to other countries like USA, UK, Hongkong, Singapore and Australia; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to reduce these charges at par with other countries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Mega tourist destinations**

\*52. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mega tourist destinations in the country together with the budget allotted to them during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has received proposals for inclusion of more such destinations from various State/UT Governments, particularly Haryana;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Ministry of Tourism (MoT), has currently identified 53 Mega Destinations/Circuits for development in the country, in consultation with the concerned State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) on the basis of footfalls and their future tourism potential. Out of the 53 identified projects, 35 have already been sanctioned. The list of Mega Destinations/Circuits identified/sanctioned is given in Statement (*See below*).

For each identified mega destination and circuit, the Ministry of Tourism contribution as central financial assistance is capped at Rs. 25.00 crore and Rs. 50.00 crore respectively under the scheme of "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits".

(b) to (d) Identification and sanctioning of mega tourism projects for various States/UTs including Haryana are a continuous process. Proposals submitted by