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25.	Uttar Pradesh	2692.32
26.	Uttarakhand	216.225
27.	West Bengal	1346.195
(A)	TOTAL	24230.3845

North East States

1.	Arunachal Pradesh	49.73
2.	Assam	656.06
3.	Manipur	56.65
4.	Meghalaya	40.39
5.	Mizoram	36.785
6.	Nagaland	58.15
7.	Sikkim	13.01
8.	Tripura	101.5
(B)	TOTAL	1012.275
GRAND TOTAL (A + B)		25242.6595

Action against ISRO scientists

1052. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

SHRI D. RAJA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the action taken recently against certain ISRO scientists in connection with the Antrix-Devas agreements has demoralized the ISRO scientific community and one eminent aerospace scientist has already resigned as a member of the space commission in protest against this action; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) The action taken recently against four former ISRO scientists in connection with the Antrix-Devas agreements has not demoralized the ISRO scientific community. The action in no way affected the space programme. Prof. R. Narasimha who has been a member of Space Commission has recently requested

Hon'ble Prime Minister for permission to relinquish his position as a member of the Space Commission.

- (b) Prof. R. Narasimha continues as a member of the Space Commission.

Development of Majuli Island of Assam

1053. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop Majuli Island of Assam as a national site for heritage tourism;
- (b) if so, whether any action plan has been formulated in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided to the State Government for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED) : (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the States/Union Territories. Proposals which are complete in all respects as per guidelines, are processed on *inter-se* priority basis and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

There is no proposal before the Government of India to develop Majuli Island of Assam as a national site for heritage tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned a project "Development of Heritage and Eco tourism Resort at Majuli" for Rs. 3.82 crore to the Government of Assam in the 10th Plan.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 89.09 crore during the 11th Five Year Plan to the Government of Assam for various tourism projects (upto 31st December, 2011).

Promotion of tourism in the international and domestic markets in the country

1054. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has released campaigns in the international and domestic markets to promote various tourism destinations and products;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose during 2010-11 and 2011-12;