

Profit earned by Bhilai Steel Plant after proportionate income tax, dividend and dividend tax for the period FY 2009-10 to Dec'2012 was Rs. 5981 crore and the total capital expenditure during the above said period was Rs. 8717 crore. The expenditure was financed centrally by SAIL through internal accruals and borrowings.

Revision of Remuneration in NCHMCT

2757. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be please to state:

(a) the number of lecturers/assistant lecturers working on contract in the Institutes of Hotel Management affiliated with the National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) along with the present rate of monthly remuneration;

(b) whether Government has any transparent mechanism for review and revision of the rate of monthly remuneration of these lecturers/assistant lecturers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for annual revision of the remuneration rates of these lecturers/assistant lecturers based on the price index as in the case of regular employees of Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) The information regarding the number of Teaching Associates working on contract in the Central Institutes of Hotel Management is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. The present rate of monthly remuneration being paid to them is Rs. 18000 per month.

(b) to (d) The present rate of monthly remuneration given to the Teaching Associates appointed on contract basis was revised in the year 2009 raising the monthly remuneration from Rs. 12,000 per month to Rs. 18,000 per month. The rate of monthly remuneration being paid to them is revised from time to time taking various factors into consideration.

Development of medical tourism in the country

2758. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to improve medical tourism in the country; and

- (b) the hospitals accredited for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) Medical Tourism is a growing segment of the Tourism industry and the Ministry of Tourism has identified Medical Tourism as a niche tourism product for development.

In order to promote Medical Tourism, the Ministry of Tourism has taken following steps:

- (i) Has included Medical Tourism within the purview of Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme since February, 2009. Under this scheme, financial support is provided to the approved Medical Tourism Service Providers, *i.e.* representatives of Hospitals accredited by Joint Commission International Accredited Hospitals (JCI) and National Accreditation Board of Hospitals (NABH) and Medical Tourism facilitators (Travel Agents/Tour Operators) approved by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India subject to adherence to the scheme guidelines and availability of funds;
- (ii) The Ministry of Tourism, *inter alia*, promotes Medical Tourism along with various stakeholders by participating in various International Fairs/Events/Exhibitions and holding Road Shows and developing the publicity and promotional material.
- (b) The Ministry of Tourism does not accredit hospitals etc. for Medical Tourism.

Development of religious places in Shimla

2759. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines fixed by Government for renovation/beautification of religious places in the country;
- (b) whether Government had received any proposal for renovation/beautification of Mata Durga Hatkoti Mandir in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;