

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Effects are being made to improve tourism products, which includes upgradation of tourism infrastructure, diversification of tourist attractions, development of new travel circuits and strengthening of publicity and marketing activities.

Setting up of Beach Resorts

7624. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently given approval for setting up of two beach resorts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other proposals for beach resorts in other States are pending with Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Government has not given approval for setting up of 2 beach resorts. Government have only approved the foreign collaboration between Indian Hotel Company Limited (Taj Group) and Club Mediterrance of France for setting up beach resorts.

(c) to (e). 14 beach resort projects received from Governments of Goa, Kerala, Orissa and Daman & Diu Administration are pending clearance from environmental angle. This is an on-going process. Each project is evaluated from environmental angle on merits. No. fixed schedule can be given for this purpose.

Foreign Tourists in North and South

7625. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the comparative figures of foreign tourists who visited North India and South India during 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): The number of foreign tourists disembarked at various ports in North and South India are as follows:

	North India	South India
1987	458,725	127,915
1988	506,804	133,311
1989	571,185	140,836
1990 (Upto March)	172,388 (P)	39,484 (P)

(P): Provisional.