

Foreign Tourists

- *44. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**
Shri Liladhar Kotaki:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri Basappa:
Shri K. C. Pant:

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable decline in foreign tourists visiting India this year;

(b) whether Pakistani propaganda in foreign countries with regard to the food situation in India has considerably affected tourists rush to India this year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in India?

The Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes. It is estimated to be about 9.8% in the first quarter for which figures are available.

(b) In general, foreign press reports about our food situation have to a certain extent affected the volume of tourist traffic to India.

(c) Our Tourist Offices overseas counteracted the reports by publicising the fact that tourists would not be affected, insofar as it was a shortage of cereals only and not of food generally.

Package Programme for Agriculture

- *45. **Shri Warrior:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government is likely to assist the package programme for agriculture;

(b) whether negotiations have been carried out with the U.S. representatives in this regard; and

(c) if so, the nature and scope of assistance likely from U.S.A.?

The Deputy Minister in the **Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) No. There is no such proposal under consideration. The Ford Foundation of the U.S.A., which is a private organisation propose to assist in the implementation of the Intensive Agricultural District Programme (Package Programme) in five selected districts during the Fourth Plan period.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Central Road Fund

- *46. **Shri A. S. Alva:**
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria governing the grant from the Central Road Fund for financing particular projects in the different States;

(b) the allocations made to the different States during the years 1965-66 and 1966-67 so far; and

(c) whether matching grants are insisted from the States to finance such projects and if so, in what proportion?

The Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6465/66].

Position of Drought Affected States

- *47. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Kolla Venkalah:
Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri Nambiar: