

सर्व प्रदेश की सरकारें देंगी और ५० प्रति शत केन्द्रीय सरकार देगी, तो इन में से कितनी प्रदेश सरकारों ने इस खर्च को देना स्वीकार किया है ?

श्री एन० बी० कृष्णय्य : हमारे पास इसका डिट्टेस नहीं है ।

श्री एम० एल० त्रिबेदी : अभी तक केन्द्र

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Have not the hon. Members sufficiently tested the the knowledge of the hon. Minister?

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know how many States have requested for Central aid so far, and whether any aid has been sanctioned to any State, and given?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: All these details I have got in a big list. If the hon. Member wants them, I am prepared to give.

Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: May I know whether in respect of the non-official Gosadans, the Government have undertaken to give them 75 per cent. of the cost?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I want notice.

Shri Raghavalah: What steps have been taken by the Government to aid or to encourage these Gosamvardhan associations in Andhra?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: These 160 Gosadans are meant for the whole country, and if there is necessity in Andhra, they will also get it in proportion to the total amount we have sanctioned.

श्री बी० पी० नायर : क्या माननीय उपमंत्री जी को मालूम है कि गोसदन स्कीम में किस करर कामयाबी मिली है ?

श्री एम० बी० कृष्णय्य : बहुत सक्सेस मिली है ।

बाबू रामनारायण सिंह : गोसदनों में कौन कौन से कार्य होते हैं, गोरखा के या गोवध निवारण के ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is there any inextricable connection between Gosamvardhan and Hindi? The hon. Minister is not able to follow. He is making every effort, and he has passed 50 per cent. already. Hon. Members may kindly put the questions in English, so as to avoid the expenditure of time unnecessarily.

Shri V. P. Nayar: He knows only 10 per cent.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member may kindly put the question in English.

Babu Ramnarayan Singh: I want to know the several activities aimed at by these Gosadans.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Minister will place a statement on the Table of the House.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They are mainly for protecting the useless and old cattle, and for making use of them, by giving them some more strength.

FACILITIES TO FOREIGN TOURISTS

*1203. Prof. D. C. Sharma: (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that foreign tourists have complained about registration and customs formalities and lack of accommodation facilities at reasonable rates?

(b) Is it a fact that the up-keep of Dak Bungalows and Rest Houses is not good enough for tourists?

(c) Are Government considering the problem of making improvements?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. There have been some complaints about the rigidity of the customs examination of tourists in India and lack of accommodation facilities. As regards registration, the procedure has been simplified and foreigners holding a Tourist visa are registered with the Police at the time of their landing, and a Residential Permit is also issued simultaneously. The tourists are not required thereafter to report their movements to the Police Authorities and have only to surrender their Registration Certificates and Residential Permits at the time of departure. A "Tourist Introduction Card" is also issued to foreign tourists. This ordinarily ensures quick customs examination and reservation of accommodation in dak bungalows etc.

(c) Yes. Government are considering the question of making improvements.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, what reduction has been made in the number of registration forms required from these tourists?

Shri Alagesan: I only have the number of tourists that visited—I do not have information regarding reduction in the number of forms.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, what additional facilities have been provided for the proper up-keep of Dak bungalows and rest houses?

Shri Alagesan: We are in consultation with the State Governments. They are doing everything possible to keep these bungalows in proper condition.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Have Government consulted any foreign experts regarding improvement of tourist traffic in India?

Shri Alagesan: No, Sir. We have not consulted any foreign expert.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know, Sir, if Government have made any arrangements for facilities for tourist traffic in States where there existed no facilities so far?

Shri Alagesan: We have subsidised the construction of roads to some of the important tourist centres in the various States.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री के पास इन यात्रियों में से कुछ की यह शिकायतें आई हैं कि उन को पुलिस के सामने एक से अधिक जगह जाकर अपना पासपोर्ट और दूसरी चीजें दिखानी पड़ती हैं ?

Shri Alagesan: Sir, when they have a tourist introduction card, they need not produce these permits before the police authorities everywhere in the districts they go. Once they are given the residential permit, they have to surrender it at the time of departure only.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know, Sir, if the tourist delegation which recently visited India from America had any informal talk with the Government of India in which they regretted the lack of material on Indian spots of attraction, and whether the Government is proposing to supply them with any material, publications etc. on those spots?

Shri Alagesan: As I already said, it is for the State Governments to look

into it, and they are doing everything in that direction.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि दुनिया के ज्यादातर देशों में जो यात्री जाते हैं, उन को इस प्रकार की सामग्री केवल एक स्थान पर बतानी पड़ती है और हर जगह नहीं बतलानी पड़ती है ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Have they to declare at one place or at every place they go?

Shri Alagesan: Maybe. I am not very well aware of the arrangements in the various other countries. Here also we have provided for it.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know, Sir, the number of tourist associations in India?

Shri Alagesan: I should like to have notice.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the rates for Dak Bungalows and Rest Houses and hotels have been standardised?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir. They have been published in the Hotel Guides.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: I asked the hon. Minister whether the Government of India had any informal talk with the tourist delegation and he replied that this was the concern of the State Governments. May I know if the hon. Minister can deny that there had been this informal talk with the tourist delegation and that the tourist delegation suggested all these things?

Shri Alagesan: I am sorry the hon. Member clubbed so many questions together and I did not answer the first part. It is true, Sir, that these American travel agents who toured our country for a fortnight or so gave their impressions to our Ministry.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: What are the suggestions given by this delegation?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question. The hon. Member will put down a separate question.

LEVY ON RICE IN ORISSA

*1204. **Pandit Lingaraj Misra:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have received requests