Development of Tourism in Bihar

*273. SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-OUDHARY: SHRISIMON MARANDI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals for promotion of tourism in Bihar received by the Union Government during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals approved, rejected and still pending; and
- (c) the reasons for rejection of each proposal?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the last 3 years (1989-90 to 1991-92), 24 proposals were received from the State Government o Bihar for central financial assistance for augmentation of tourism infrastructure at various places. The proposals included the construction of tourist accommodation, wayside amenities, public conveniences, adventure equipment, up gradation of existing properties, support towards fairs and festivals and publicity etc.

- (b) Out of 24 proposals received, 23 proposals were approved and 1 proposal was rejected.
- (c) The proposal for development of cultural facilities at Tagoer Hill at Ranchi was not approved as the facilities to be created were mainly for cultural activities and did not fall within purview of the approved schemes of Department of Tourism.

Production to Mica

*274. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of mica during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 till date;
- (b) the percentage of the total production of mica exported during these years; and
- (c) the amount o foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). Reliable estimates of production of mica are not available. Forgign exchange earned from export of mica and mica products and quantity exported are given below;

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value
		(US \$ in millions)
1990-91	42,595	17,923
1991-92	34,188	24.652*

^{*}Provisional.

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Vild life Tourism Centers

*275. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any plan for the development of wildlife tourism centers:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise including Maharashtra; and