

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) the reasons for granting the permission; and
 (d) whether tenders were invited for the work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Global bids were invited by the Ministry of Railways in May 1994 for ownership, marketing and management of Palace-on Wheels type Tourist Train Services on popular tourist circuits to provide transport infrastructural support for the National Tourism Synergy Programme of the Department of Tourism to attract five million tourist by 1997-98. On a scrutiny of the 23 bids received, it has been decided to award contracts for 5 Tourist Trains on four circuits to the following parties :

Circuit	Name of the Party
(1) Delhi-Jaipur-Agra-Gwalior-Jhansi (Khajraho-Varanasi-Lucknow-Delhi)	(1) M/s. Sterling Holiday Resorts India Pvt. Ltd., Madras.
(2) Bombay- Aurangabad (Ajanta/Ellora)-Nanded-Secunderabad- Hyderabad- Pune-Bombay	(2) M/s. S.S. Patil, Secunderabad.
(3) Goa (Madgaon)-Mangalore-Mysore (Belur/Halebid)-Hospet(Hampi)-Bangalore-Goa (Madgaon)	(3) M/s. East West Travels & Trade Links Ltd., New Delhi.
(4) Bangalore-Mysore -Madras- Kodaikanal Road-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum-Cochin-Mettupalayam(Ooty)-and Bangalore	(4) M/s. Sterling Holiday Resorts India Pvt. Ltd. Madras. and (5) M/s. L.S. Patil, Secunderabad.

Integrated Fisheries Project for Women

*675. SHRI RATILAL VARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of places where Integrated Fisheries Project for women has been started in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of women engaged in the Project annually, State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Government, if any, for this purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to establish such more projects, particularly in Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) No Integrated Fisheries Project has been established exclusively for women.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above questions do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Sugar Industry

*676. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Economic Survey has highlighted the need to review the existing controls on sugar industry;

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) It has been indicated in the Economic Survey that it is time to review if such extensive controls on sugar are still required and if greater efficiency cannot be achieved by relaxing some of these controls.

(b) and (c). There is no proposal under consideration to change the present policy of partial control with a dual pricing system for distribution of sugar.

As regards licensing policy for the sugar industry, it is presently being reviewed by the Government.

Private Sector's participation in Sports

*677. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA :

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any special efforts to encourage private sector participation for promotion of sports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has provided for 100% tax exemption under Section 35-AC of the Income Tax Act