

[*English*]**Promotion of Tourism In Madhya Pradesh**2076. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:  
SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the Madhya Pradesh for the promotion of tourism during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals approved/rejected or still pending indicating the reasons for rejecting each proposal;

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Madhya Pradesh in this regard during 1996-97;

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded additional funds from the Union Government for the development of certain tourist places; and

(e) if so, the amount provided during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e) Central Department of Tourism, Government of India has during the year 1994-95, sanctioned two projects, amounting to Rs.9.32 lakhs to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has not submitted any proposal during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 to the Central Department of Tourism for central financial assistance.

[*Translation*]**Telephone Exchanges In U.P.**

2077. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges likely to be made operational in Deoria District of Uttar Pradesh by March, 1997;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up microwave;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any plan to provide telephone facility in every village of the district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Six nos. of 256PC-DOT Telephone exchanges are likely to be made operational by March 1997 Deoria District of U.P.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up 5 nos. of Digital Microwave Systems during 1996-97 in Deoria District as follows:

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|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| (i) Padrauna-Hata-Deoria | -120 chl  | capacity |
| (ii) Lar-Salempur        | - 30 chl  | capacity |
| (iii) Salempur-Deoria    | -120 chl  | capacity |
| (iv) Gorakhpur-Deoria    | -1920 chl | capacity |
| (v) Deoria-Patna         | -1920 chl | capacity |

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Public Telephone facility has been provided in 296 villages during 1996-97.

During 9th Five Year Plan, telephone facility is likely to be provided in all the villages of Deoria District.

**Kurla Fly-over Project**

2078. SHRI KACHARU BHAI RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded its approval to Kurla fly-over project of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Project could not be approved as location is infringing with proposed Bandra-Kurla Railway line.

[*English*]**Post Offices in Karnataka**

2079. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without Post Offices in Karnataka during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 till now;

(b) the number of villages in the State having post offices, district-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the number of post offices proposed to be opened during 1997-98 in the State, district-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of village without post offices in Karnataka during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till date) is given below:-

Year	Number of villages without Post Offices
1994-95	18,828
1995-96	18,828
1996-97	18,807

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Targets for opening of post offices are allocated Postal Circle-wise under Annual Plans and finalised on year to year basis.

[Translation]

#### Night Landing Facilities at Ranchi Airport

2080. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether plane cannot land at Ranchi airport in the night;

(b) if so, the efforts made for providing take off and landing facilities at the night keeping in view of the demand therefor from the Air Force in this area; and

(c) if no such steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes Sir. Due to cattle menace around the airport area, landing at Ranchi Airport during night is considered unsafe.

(b) Airports Authority of India has not received any request from the Air Force authorities for conducting night operations at Ranchi Airport.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Fire Incident in IGIA

2081. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to enquire into the fire incident in terminal 1A building of the Indra Gandhi International Airport at New Delhi on October 30, 1996 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the findings and recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M.

IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Enquiry Committee has submitted its report on 16th December, 1996. The major findings of the Enquiry Committee are-

(1) It is difficult to establish the cause of the outbreak of fire above the false ceiling since the entire structure has been consumed in the fire.

(2) The loss assessed is to the tune of Rs. 15.50 crores exclusive of indirect loss in terms of loss of business, revenue and operational inconvenience.

(3) Negligence has not been attributed to any one.

(c) Action has been initiated to review and streamline the fire fighting and associated systems at all airports to take preventive action to guard against such fire incidents.

[Translation]

#### Linking of Khajuraho with Rail Network

2082. SHRI VISHVESHVAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link world wide known tourist place Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh with railway network;

(b) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This work has been included in the Budget, 1997-98. Construction work will be taken up, once the necessary clearances have been obtained and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Hoteles Under ITDC

2083. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the number of hotels under India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) alongwith their locations?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): Presently, ITDC is operating 33 hotels comprising of 26 its own hotels, 6 joint ventures and 1 managed property. Locationwise details of these hotels are given in the statement attached.