Ambagam on the Kotabalasa—Bailadela Railway line in view of the fact that village is situated on one side and the lands of the villagers are situated on the other side of the line;

- (b) whether the State Government has sent a proposal in this regard; and
 - (c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise. The Railways can take action in the matter only after a firm proposal for the desired facility is sponsored by the State Government/local authority, duly consenting to bear the cost thereof, as per rules.

Development of Sabarimala Temple as a National Tourist Centre

1864. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to the Union Government for any project to get financial assistance for development of one of the pilgrim centres at Sabarimala; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such project has been received by this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Line from Rameshwaram to Kanyakumari

1865. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a broadgauge railway line con-

necting Rameswaram and Kanyakumari via Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;

- (b) whether any survey has been conducted for this project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Vayudoot Service to Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu

1866. DR. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which Ramanathapuram in Tamilnadu is likely to be connected by Vayudoot service; and
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Due to heavy losses being sustained by it. Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically. The airlinking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present juncture.

Losses Incurred by Government Hotels

1867. SHRI MORESHWAR SA-VE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Government hotels have been running in losses for the last few years and are likely to incur heavy losses in the year of 'India Tourism Year' too; and
- (b) if so, the details of such hotels and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI **MADHAVRAO** SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the hotels owned and operated by ITDC have been running in losses for the last few years. The last three years per-

formance of the ITDC hotels are given in the attached statement. The losses are due to low occupancy on account of various reasons including disturbed conditions in the country and the situation in Middle East includng the Gulf War.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.N	o. Name of the U		nit		Net Profit/Loss		
					1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Prov.)
1.	Agra Ashok				()5.97	4.44	()9.09
2.	Airport Ashok, Calcutta				94.4 9	113.91	80.02
3.	Ashok Radisson Hotel, Bar	igalo	re		35.60	8.57	()26.10
4.	Ashok, New Delhi .				311.88	233.30	(-)50.29
5.	Ashok Yatri Niwas .				126.07	124.23	89.10
6.	Aurangabad Ashok .		• '		() 0.48	4.43	3.06
7.	Bodhgaya Ashok .				() 13.45	() 9.77	()10.35
8.	Hassan Ashok	•			5. 0 6	10.62	6.00
9.	Jaipur Ashok				8.20	4.61	2.87
10.	Jammu Ashok				() 1.35	() 0.08	0.62
11.	Janpath. New Delhi .				48.45	53.85	5.22
12.	Kalinga Ashok, Bhubneshw	ar	•		() 24.46	(···) 20 .88	()27.52
13.	Kanishk, New Delhi	•	•		145.49	135.35	3.21
14.	Khajuraho Ashok				() 2.13	2.74	() 6.25
15.	Ashok Radisson Beach Res	ort, l	Kovala	ım	16. 0 6	22.29	12.61
16.	Ashok Radisson LMP Hote	el, M	ysore		25.14	34.48	47.02
17.	LVP Hotel, Udaipur .	•	•		14.68	22.87	13.05
18.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi		•		28.40	34.79	() 1.21
19.	Madurai Ashok		•		4.08	6.79	() 0.06
20.	Patliputra Ashok, Patna				(—) 8.26	() 25.38	() 34.54
21.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi				31.14	30.41	17.35
22.	Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi	•			(−) 39 .56		` '
23.	Samrat Hotel, New Delhi		•		()46.38	()101 .95 (—)147.42
24.	Temple Bay Ashok Beac	ch	Resor	Ι,			
	Mamallapuram				(·-·) 5. 5 9		,
25.	Varanasi Ashok	•	•	•	() 6.52	(—) 17.25	() 7.13
					740.59	644.74	(—) 73.78