

these yatri niwas /youth hostels.

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eleven Yatri Niwas and 33 Youth Hostels have been constructed at different places of the country. No additional rooms have been added during 1990-91 to the existing Yatri Niwas/Youth Hostels.

(c) Seventeen youth hostels were completed upto the end of 6th plan period. One Yatri Niwas and 14 youth hostels were completed during the 7th plan period. Nine Yatri Niwas and two youth hostels were completed during 1991-91. One yatri niwas has been completed during 1991-92, so far.

(d) Rents for yatri niwas are normally fixed by concerned State Governments and these are not compiled with the Central Department of Tourism. However, rents in yatri Niwas range between Rs. 20 and Rs. 50 per bed in dormitory type accommodation. Rents in the case of youth hostels have not materially changed since 1985 and the range is between Rs. 8 and Rs. 20 per bed in dormitory type accommodation.

(e) Dormitories in yatri niwas/youth hostels provide lodging facilities with common bath rooms.

#### **Fall in foreign tourist arrival**

5397. **SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.CHAVAN:**  
**PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:**

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that hotel industry is facing crisis due to fall in the number of foreign tourists visiting India;

(b) whether the Government are aware that a number of hotels have to be closed down as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to attract foreign tourists?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Steps are being taken by the Government to increase the inflow of tourists to India by improving the tourism infrastructure and strengthening the marketing efforts.

#### **Lumding-Badarpur Section (NFR)**

5398. **DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days railway traffic was disrupted on the Lumding-Badarpur Hill section of N.F. Railway during last one year because of landslide;

(b) the total loss suffered by the Railways in terms of revenue and otherwise as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to overcome this problem?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN):** (a) The traffic was disrupted for different time durations on 23 days during 1990-91.

(b) An expenditure of Rs 1 lakh (approx.) was incurred in clearing the land slides. Revenue loss on this account is not quantifiable.

(c) Catch water drains are being provided and slopes of the hillside are being strengthened, wherever necessary, in order to overcome the problem.

#### **Compensation to Displaced Persons at Durg**

5399. **SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of persons displaced as a result of land acquisition by the Railways in District Durg for the construction of railway line, godowns, residential houses etc. during the last five years;

(b) whether there was any proposal to give employment to the displaced persons;

(c) if so, the number of persons employed accordingly; and

(d) by what time the remaining persons are likely to be employed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

#### **Expansion of Bhuntar Airport, Himachal Pradesh**

5400. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the Bhuntar Airport in Kulu for promoting tourism;

(b) if so, the time by which work is likely to be started in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Existence of a river very close to the airstrip does not permit extension of the runway at Bhuntar Airport.

[English]

#### **Loco Workshop Dahod**

5401. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the work of Electric Loco Rehabilitation at Loco Workshop (Dahod), Western Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Electric Loco Rehabilitation at Loco Workshop Dahod, Western Railway has already been sanctioned in 1990-91 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 20.00 crores. The detailed plans and estimates for the work are under preparation.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Starting of Chhatisgarh Express from Raigarh**

5402. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start Amritsar Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh Express) train either from Raigarh or Jharsuguda for the convenience of tribals; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.