

International Film Festival

274. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state .

(a) the pitfalls noticed in the last international films festival held in the capital;

(b) the remedial measures taken to prevent this;

(c) whether India also participated in some such festival held abroad recently;

(d) if so, the achievements made therein; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred on holding of the last festival in India and the one in which India participated abroad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) No serious shortcoming was noticed in the last International Film Festival of India (IFFI'96) held in Delhi in January, 1996

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) India participated in 18 International Film Festivals abroad recently between April '96 and June '96. In Singapore International Film Festival, Shri Bishnu Kharghoria won the best actor award for his performance in the film "Hkhagorolo Bohu Door". The film also won the Special Jury award. The film "Bandit Queen" won the following three awards in Kine International Film Festival, Harare (Zimbabwe)

(i) Ms. Seema Biswas won the best actress award (ii) The Monte Carlo Theatres trophy for the best film and (iii) The Diplomatic Corps of Zimbabwe award for the "Film most representative of the art, Society and Culture of the Nation submitting the entry"

(e) A budget of Rs.215 lakhs was sanctioned for IFFI'96. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi also contributed a sum of Rs.25 lakhs for the Festival. An expenditure of Rs.2.05 lakhs has been incurred on freight charges, striking of new prints, deputation of delegation from India etc. for participation in 18 international Film Festivals abroad in which India participated in the recent past

Cargo Complex at Calicut Airport

275. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Cargo Complex at Calicut airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost and allocation therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An area of, approximately, 1710 sq.m. has been identified for the establishment of an integrated cargo terminal at Calicut Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 67.50 lakhs. Till this facility becomes operational, as an interim measure, the recently vacated domestic arrival hall will be converted as export shed/outbound domestic cargo area with facilities for customs examination and screening of cargo.

Development of Kaziranga National Park

276. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to develop Kaziranga National Park as a tourist complex;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken to attract more tourists to the National Park?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) Tourism being a continuous process, constant dialogues are maintained with the State Governments for provision of infrastructural facilities at places of tourist interest. Kaziranga National Park has also been developed as a tourist complex and the State Government has been provided financial assistance for provision of facilities at the Kaziranga National Park during various Plan periods as per details given below

- (1) 1970-71 - Forest Lodge at Kaziranga (Rs. 24.23 lakhs)
- (2) 1985-86 - Purchase of Mini Buses and Elephants for wildlife viewing (Rs.6.38 lakhs)
- (3) 1990-91 - Tourist lodge at Kaziranga (Rs. 14.81 lakhs)
- (4) 1991-92 - Upgradation of Tourist Lodge at Kaziranga (Rs.4.20 lakhs)
- (5) 1992-93 - Tented accommodation at Kaziranga (Rs.14.77 lakhs)
- (6) 1995-96 - Tourist Reception Centre at Kaziranga (Rs.25.86 lakhs)

(c) In addition to the provision of facilities, promotional booklets have been brought out to publicise the place in domestic and international markets. Media Members and Travel Agents from overseas are invited to visit the area under Department of Tourism Media Relations Programme