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Tourism Development in Vijayawada

4208. PROF. UMMAREDDY VE-NKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foundation stone for developing Bhavani Island near Vijayawada as tourism development centre was laid down in 1988;
- (b) if so, the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for this centre; and
 - (c) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) According to the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, foundation stone for a sports and recreational complex at Bhavani Islands was laid in November 1986 by the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

- (b) No financial assistance has been provided by the Central Department of Tourism for this project.
- (c) This is a State sector project and therefore the progress is not monitored by the Central Department of Tourism.

Financial Assistance to Medical Colleges in Kerala

4209. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given to Kerala for the development of Medical Colleges in 1990;

- (b) whether there is any proposal for enhancement of this allocation in future; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There is no scheme with the Govt. of India for financial assistance to any State for development of medical colleges. Therefore, no financial assistance was given to Kerala for the purpose in 1990.

Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor and Shoranur-Mangalore Line

4210. PROF. (SMT.) SAVITHRI LAKA-SHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the projects to construct Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor and Shoranur-Mangalore railway lines in Kerala have been approved;
- (b) the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the details regarding further steps to be taken for early completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The position in respect of the two lines is as under:

(i) KUTTIPURAM-GU-RUVAYOOR

Survey was carried out for Trichur-Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram new BG rail line and out of it construction of Trichur-Guruvayoor was approved in 1987-88. Work on Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram has not been taken up due to constraint of resources.

(ii) SHORANUR-MANGA-LORE

Shoranur and Mangalore are already connected by a direct BG line.

Risk Allowance Committee

4211. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the recommendations made by the Risk Allowance Committee and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): Risk Allowance Committee identified relatively hazardous area of work in the various departments of hospitals, including Infectious Diseases Hospital, forgrant of Risk Allowance.

Orders for grant of Risk Allowance to the eligible employees has already been issued by Department of Personnel and Training vide Office Memorandum No. 21012/4/88-Estt. (Allowance) dated 19/22.8.1988.

Increase in Indian Airlines Fleet Capacity

- 4212. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Indian Airlines has increased its fleet capacity;
- (b) if so, the extent thereof in different routes;
- (c) whether any new links have been established in some routes; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). While Indian Airlines has not made any addition to its fleet in 1991 it has increased its capacity by increased utilisation of A-320 aircraft. The details are given in Statement-I.

(c) and (d). Some new links have been established and a few services restored as per details in Statement-II.