

Western Style Accommodation for Tourists

72. A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to State:

(a) the number of applications received so far from each State for the grant of subsidy for providing economical Western style accommodation to tourists in principal cities in India;

(b) the names of organisations selected for the purpose and the amount sanctioned; and

(c) whether hotels run by individuals are also eligible for this grant?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The required information is given below:—

The scheme included in the Third Plan for Tourism is intended for putting up economical Western style accommodation for middle and low income group foreign tourists only in six principal cities of India viz., Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Agra and Jaipur. It was intended to give subsidies to reputable organisations experienced in running inexpensive and clean accommodation suitable for middle and low income group foreign tourists for putting up similar accommodation in the cities mentioned above.

Requests for subsidy for putting up such accommodation were received from 9 organisations and 3 State Governments as per the table below:—

Name of State	Organisa- tion	State Govt.
Delhi	2	..
U.P.	2	I
Madras	3	I
Andhra Pradesh	1	..
West Bengal	I
Rajasthan	1	..
TOTAL	9	3

A subsidy of Rs. 3.75 lakhs was sanctioned to the Y.W.C.A., New Delhi to meet part of the expenditure on construction of a Guest House for tourists at New Delhi. The Guest House is already in commission. A subsidy of Rs. 1.50 lakhs was sanctioned to the Andhra Mahila Sabha Madras for construction of a hostel for foreign tourists at Madras which is expected to be inaugurated by the end of December, 1963.

The question of giving subsidies to organisations has been reviewed and the present view is that instead of giving grants loans on easy terms may be offered to these organisations and where such organisations are not willing to take a loan Government may put up such accommodation themselves. A loan of Rs. 8.00 lakhs has been offered to the Y.M.C.A., New Delhi on easy terms.

Hotels run by individuals are not eligible for such loans under this scheme.

Special Stamps

73. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to issue a special series of stamps on social reformers and renowned musicians of India;

(b) whether a list of such personalities has been prepared; and

(c) if so, the names selected and the dates when the stamps will be issued?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The list is under preparation.

P. & T. Buildings

74. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding construction of new buildings for post