

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Station</i>	<i>District</i>
13.	Chandausi	Moradabad
14.	Gajraula	Moradabad
15.	Sambhal	Moradabad
16.	Shamli	Muzaffarnagar
17.	Haldwani	Nainital
18.	Kathgodam	Nainital
19.	Kotdwar	Pauri Garhwal
20.	Bilaspur	Rampur
21.	Tehri	Tehri-Garhwal
22.	Khekra	Meerut

[English]

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

1987. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Union Government for development of tourism in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government have taken for clearance of the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, the proposals which are pending for central financial assistance include the construction of a Tourist Complex one each at Chalsa and Bankura,

wayside facilities at Burdwan and Madarihat and a Beach Resort at Shankarpur. These project proposals received from the State Government were incomplete and were, therefore, sent back for necessary details/clarifications.

Of the above, only proposal for the construction of tourist lodge at Chalsa has been received back on 3rd March, 1992 and the same is under consideration.

[Translation]

National Policy on C.DOT Plants in the country

1988. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the national policy under which C-Dot plants are being set up in the country;

(b) the number of old telephone exchanges where such plants have been set up so far and the names of telephone exchanges where such plants are proposed to be set up in the country;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the period from 1972 to 1975 in the country, which have not yet been modernised so far; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in modernising the telephone exchange in Mongyr?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Development of Kapirvastu (U.P.) as Tourist Place

1989. SHR RAMPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop Kapirvastu, an important place, of Buddha religion in Uttar Pradesh, into a tourist place;

(b) whether some assistance has been received for the development of the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. For the development of tourism infrastructure in the States of U.P. and Bihar, a project is under implementation with the assistance from the Govt. of Japan. apart from the various components of the project, it includes the improvement and strengthening of roads connecting piprahawa (Kapirvastu) with other Buddhist

Centres in that area and improvement of telecommunication facilities. The Central Department of Tourism, in addition, has sanctioned a wayside amenity at Kapirvastu (Piprahawa) for an amount of Rs. 13.01 lakhs.

[English]

Availability of Minerals in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh

1990. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about availability of minerals and Metals in the District of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these are commercially viable; and

(d) if no survey has been undertaken, the time by which Government propose to undertake such a survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) has brought to light occurrences of clay in the areas near Varisam, Nelivada and Koshta; building stones like granite, gneisses and Chamockites etc. in Maddiravudupeta, Kadakalla, Gotta, Tunga Tempora. Ponduru areas and Kankar limestone near Katabommali, Jiyannaper, Vijayaramapuram and Duttigam. Minor occurrences of Sillimanite and manganese are also reported from the district. The beach sand from Meghavaram are reported to contain considerable amount of heavy minerals like ilmenite and monazite.