

in anti-Indian activities, may I know from the Deputy Prime Minister whether he is prepared to institute a commission of inquiry to go into the activities of this company? If he is not prepared to do so, is it because of the fact that this Appejay Shipping company in Calcutta alone gave 20 jeeps and Rs. 4 lakhs to the Congress election fund?

**An hon Member:** An insinuation

**Shri Hem Barua:** He has not replied.

**Mr. Speaker:** How much money has been given by whom and for which party—I do not think they have got the statistics.

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** The first part could be answered

**Mr Speaker:** He says he does not know

**The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** If the information is sent to me, I shall certainly make an enquiry.

**Shri V Krishnamoorthi:** The hon Minister in his reply stated that he is consulting the concerned departments as to whether legal or departmental action could be taken. Is there any existing contract between Government and the company? If so, will Government immediately terminate it pending examination whether legal or departmental action could be taken?

**Shri Annasahib Shinde:** I do not think there is any existing contract. But it appears that the firm still continues to carry rice from Burma to India? Even that will be examined

**Shri Manubhai Patel:** Government has found that there was something wrong with the company and it has to be legally examined. Why do they not stop all dealings with this company?

**Shri Annasahib Shinde:** As I submitted already, this also will be examined.

### International Tourist Year

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\*88. **Shri R. Barua:**  
**Shri C. C. Desai:**

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up some programme to celebrate 1967 as the International Tourist Year, and

(b) if so, the broad details of the programme chalked out in this regard?

**The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh) (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See LT-110/67]**

**Shri R. Barua:** Have the Government made an assessment of our requirements on tourist beds in hotels and in view of that assessment do they propose to provide sufficient accommodation in the near future?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** An assessment has been made of the hotel requirements 1200 beds are expected to be made available through Tourist Development Corporation and 900 beds are going to be provided in the private sector by the end of this year. In addition to that we hope that some other hotels in the private sector will go up. I agree with the hon Member that all this will not be sufficient to meet our requirements fully.

**Shri R. Barua:** May I know whether any provision has been made to cater for tourists of moderate means?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** Yes Sir, these hotels which are being envisaged under the scheme are of various classes ranging from 3 star to 5 star.

**Shrimati Lakshminathanamma:** May I know whether there is any programme of connecting different tourist centres by air?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** Many tourist centres are already connected by air and we are thinking of connecting other

places by air if possible. The feasibility of connecting places like Komarak and Ellora is being studied.

**श्री कृष्ण चन्द बजाज :** क्या बंगी बहुोदय को जानकारी है कि टूरिस्ट के लिये होटल एकमोडेगन की बड़ी कमी है और वह कमी पूरी नहीं की जा सकती, बहुत से टूरिस्ट जो बाहर से आते हैं वह चाहते हैं कि हम हिन्दुस्तान में हिन्दुस्तानी घरों में रह सकें तो क्या कुछ इस तरह की कोशिश की जा सकती है कि जिस से हम रेकनाइज कर सकें कि जो हिन्दुस्तानी अपने घरों में बाहर के टूरिस्ट को आराम देने की कोशिश कर सकें, उन का विगया क्या हो सकता है वह हम फिक्स करें, और उनका प्रोड कर दें जिससे कि अब तक होटल एकमोडेगन न हो तब तक वह कमी पूरी हो और बाहर के लोगों को भारतीय तरीके को देखने और ममझने का मौका मिले ?

**डा० कर्ण सिंह :** ऐसी व्यवस्था तो कोई नहीं है कि हम टूरिस्ट को लोगों के घरों में रखें और मैं भयभीत हूँ कि ऐसा करना हमारे लिए बहुत कठिन है। यह प्रश्न है कि अगर कोई मित्र जो किसी के विदेश के तो वह उनके पास आकर रहे लेकिन हमारे लिये तो बहुत कठिन है।

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if the attention of the hon Minister is drawn to a press report published in the *Hindustan Times* this morning which says that there was no publicity abroad about the international tourist year celebrations in this country and that a Canadian tourist said like that, that the American tourists came to know about this celebration only after they landed in Palam and if so do the Government take the responsibility for not giving adequate publicity?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** International tourist year by definition is a year which is being celebrated throughout the world and in our country also we are celebrating it. I do not see how

it is necessary for us to specially publicise what we are doing in our country, because that is being done all over the world. However, our tourist literature which we put out this year has made a special reference to the ITY celebrations which we are arranging?

**Shri R. K. Sinha:** Will the hon. Minister inform the House whether any attempt is being made to bring Ayodhya, the birth place of Lord Rama on the tourist map of India? The condition of the temples and the places of accommodation is very bad there and there is also no tourist literature about this place of world importance

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not think that we can ask about individual cases without giving advance notice

**Dr. Karan Singh:** I may say that I entirely share the reverence which the hon Member has for Ayodhya and we will certainly what we can.

12.00 hrs.

**Shri Bai Raj Madhok:** In view of the fact that tourism is a very important source of foreign exchange and in view of the fact that in India we have large treasures, art and architecture—both artificial and natural—which can attract tourists into India, but still foreign tourists are not coming to India for two reasons, firstly, there are undue harassments and embarrassments to tourists, whether they enter India through an airport or at the custom check-posts, and secondly many of the areas which are of great tourist attraction are not yet open to traffic, as for example, Chamba and Bhadarwah (Jammu State) which cannot be yet reached—may I know from the Minister whether anything is being done to open them up for tourists to come and whether any step is being taken to avoid harassment and embarrassment to the tourists who come in?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** The hon. Member has raised a very important point;

we are doing whatever we can to facilitate the entry of foreign tourists to this country. There were certain restrictions, and every country has some, but they are under constant review so that they can be facilitated—(Interruption).

**श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :** मैं माननीय मंत्री से पूछना चाहूंगा कि उदयपुर और चित्तौड़ जो हिस्टोरिकल इम्पोर्टन्स की जगह हैं वहाँ पर टूरिस्टों का बहुत ज्यादा आना जाना है, उदयपुर एयरपोर्ट को डबलप करने के लिये जो स्कीम बनी थी, वह कब तक पार पड़ेगी? चित्तौड़ जाने के लिये भी उदयपुर एयर-पोर्ट का ही प्रयोग होता है, लेकिन वहाँ पर कोई बड़ा वाइकाउन्ट नहीं उतर सकता है इस वजह से टूरिस्टों को काफी दिक्कत होती है और इमहमदाबाद से दाईं कार आना पड़ता है, इस लिये यह बहुत जरूरी है कि उदयपुर के एयरपोर्ट को डबलप किया जाय और वहाँ पर एयर-सर्विस का एडवांटेज दिया जाय, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उदयपुर एयर-पोर्ट के डबलपमेंट के लिये सरकार के पास क्या स्कीम है?

**Shri Bal Raj Madhok:** He has not completed his answer, to my question

**Mr. Speaker:** No specific answer can be given.

**Dr. Karan Singh:** First, I shall complete the answer to the question put by Shri Bal Raj Madhok. He made a very interesting suggestion. There are certain areas in Bhadarwah (Jammu State) and Chamba which can become tourist resorts. I will certainly look into them and do whatever we can to develop those areas.

**Mr. Speaker:** Also Udaipur airport.

**Dr. Karan Singh:** Yes; we will look into it.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Airport Restaurants

\*86. **Shri George Fernandes:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports that the cost of food and refreshments served at airport restaurants and snack-bars is two to four times the cost in any average restaurant; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop profiteering at the airport restaurants and snack-bars?

**The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh):** (a) and (b). Prices at airport restaurants are fixed by the Civil Aviation Department to cover most of the items of food & drinks served therein and are comparable with those prevailing in first class restaurants or hotels in the city. Complaints about high prices have been received but these were found to be more with reference to prices prevailing in restaurants or hotels of a lower standard. There have been no complaints of prices being charged in excess of the authorised tariffs.

##### Mexican Variety of Wheat and Bajra

\*87. **Dr. Karni Singh:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether any experiments have been carried out in the Government Agricultural Demonstration Farms to produce the Mexican variety of wheat and hybrid Bajra in the Ganganagar area of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the per-acre yield of the two commodities; and

(c) the steps taken for the extensive use of these varieties to increase production throughout the country?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde):** (a) The information is being collected from the State Government if any experiments have been conducted on Mexican Variety of wheat and Hybrid Bajra in the district of Ganganagar area.

(b) The results of National Demonstrations conducted throughout