

Tourist Buses

1619. **Shri Prem Chand Verma:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to provide tourist buses of the type provided between Pathankot and Srinagar at other tourist resorts in the country; and

(b) if so, the places at which such arrangements are to be made?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). No tourist buses are provided by the Government of India on the Pathankot-Srinagar route. The buses on the route are provided by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and other authorised private operators.

Development of Hill Areas

1620. **Shri Prem Chand Verma:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for the development of Hill areas in order to give fillip to tourist industry; and

(b) if so, the details of these schemes?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). The Fourth Five year Plan on Tourism includes the development of selected areas in the Himalyan region from Kashmir to Darjeeling and in the Nilgiris. The details are being worked out in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

Construction of Hotels in Public Sector

1621. **Shri Prem Chand Verma:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for the

construction of Hotels in the Public Sector at places like Dharamshala, Dalhousie, Kulu and Manali; and

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). Government do not have any plans at present for the construction of hotels at Dharamshala, Dalhousie, Kulu & Manali. However, there is a Tourist Bungalow at Kulu, and arrangements for opening a Tourist Bungalow at Manali have been completed.

Food Subsidy to Manipur

1622. **Shri M. Meghachandra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started supplying the promised food subsidy for the year 1967-68 to the Union Territory of Manipur;

(b) how much has been supplied till date;

(c) of the amount supplied to Manipur how much is rice and how much is wheat; and

(d) whether Government have received further request from the Manipur Government for increasing the said subsidy grant?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Except the built-in subsidy in the Central Government's issue prices of food-grains to the different State Governments and Union territories including Manipur, no other subsidy has either been promised or being given to Manipur.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.