

[Translation]

**Deaths in Five Star Hotels in Delhi**

**5544. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deaths occurred in five-star hotels in Delhi during the last two years as per the official statistics; and

(b) the security arrangements proposed to be made in future by Government in the five-star hotels for the tourists staying therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) The Department of Tourism does not receive or maintain statistics relating to deaths in Hotels. However, as per information collected from the hotels/their Corporate Offices, 6 cases of deaths occurred in 5-Star hotels in Delhi in the last two years.

(b) All Five Star hotels have their own elaborate security arrangements for the safety of tourists staying therein. The Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee of the Department during its initial and subsequent inspections, looks into the adequacy of these arrangements.

[English]

**SCs/STs Employees in National Sample Survey of India**

**5545 SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS :** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees in the National Sample Survey of India and also in its office at Bhubaneswar as on 1st March, 1982 and as on the 1st March, 1985 category-wise;

(b) the number of SCs and STs employees on these dates category-wise in these offices;

(c) whether reservation rules in favour of SCs and STs employees are being followed and rosters maintained;

(d) the reasons for the shortfall, if any, and the steps taken to fill the quota reserved for SC and ST employees; and

(e) the number of reserved posts lapsed during the last three years and whether carried forward rules were applied in these cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected from the field offices of National Sample Survey Organisation located through out the country and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Unresolved Issues Between India and Bangladesh**

**5546. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has expressed its desire to sort out the unresolved issues between India and Bangladesh through negotiations;

(b) if so, the nature of unresolved issues;

(c) the response of the Bangladesh Government towards this suggestion of India; and

(d) when the negotiation is likely to take place to sort out the unresolved issues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The more important unresolved issues are: The Question of augmentation and sharing of the Ganga waters; the large scale and continuing illegal immigration from Bangladesh; and, the vesting of properties in Bangladesh of Indian Nationals and their Bangladeshi cosharers.

On Tin Bigha, Government remains committee to handing over the corridor on lease to Bangladesh.

There are in addition, a few subjects such as: the delimitation of the Maritime

Boundary, problems involving common/ border rivers and the sharing of Teesta waters etc which the two sides continue to discuss.

(c) The Bangladeshi leaders, including President Ershad, have welcomed Government's initiative to resolve the outstanding issues through negotiation.

(d) Talks to resolve some of the more important and pressing issues would be held shortly.

#### **Impact of Mining Operation on Forest Land**

5547. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the impact of mining operation on forest land;

(b) if so, the extent to which the forest wealth has been utilised in the States as a result of mining operation; and

(c) the details regarding the steps Government have taken for the protection of forests from destruction by mining operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) to (c). An in-depth assessment of the impact of mining operations on forest lands, for the whole country, is not available, with the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, with effect from 25th October, 1980, diversion of forest land for any non-forest use requires prior approval, of the Central Government. Before giving such approval, each proposal is examined carefully and necessary safeguards are prescribed to minimise, if not prevent, damage to forests. In the case of mining projects, it is laid down that the area should be restored and replanted after the mining operation is over. In addition, compensatory afforestation is prescribed by debit to the mining project.

#### **Paintings of Ladakh Monasteries**

5548. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ladakh monasteries have rich well paintings, and if so full details thereof;

(b) whether Government have in possession colour films of these paintings and if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the staff of National Museum and other institutions have visited Ladakh and seen these paintings and if so details thereof; and

(d) whether the Museum in Cologne in West Germany and other western countries have a far better and complete collection of photographs than those available in India and if so corrective steps proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are a large number of Buddhist Monastries including the important ones at Hemis, Alchi and Shoy. These have beautiful murals depicting themes based on Buddhism including scenes from the life of Buddha and Bodhisatvas.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has documented the paintings and possesses colour transparencies, colour negatives and black and white photographs of these paintings.

(c) Staff of the National Museum have not visited Ladakh. Officers of the Archaeological Survey of India have visited Ladakh and documented the paintings at Hemis, Alohi, Shey and other monastries.

(d) According to the published references, the Archives of the Cologno Musuem have photographic collection of the paintings at Alchi. Archacological Survey of India has already taken up documentation of the murals and monuments in Ladakh.