

[*English*]

Vayudoot Services to Places of Historical and Commercial Interest

5558. SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government propose to increase and improve Vayudoot services to far flung areas of historical and commercial interest irrespective of whether these are economically viable or not; and

(b) whether Government will also propose to provide subsidised services to far flung places not connected by road/rail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) : No. Sir.

[*Translation*]

Beautification of Mathura and Adjoining Places of Historical Importance

5559. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of tourists from all over the country and abroad visit Mathura, the birth place of Lord Krishna and adjoining places such as Vrindavan and Barsana, etc. in Uttar Pradesh every year;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government during the last three years, keeping in view the religious and historical importance of these places, to ensure progress of the area by encouraging tourist traffic there; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government in the coming years for the beautification of Mathura and adjoining places of historical importance and for the development and renovation of old historical temples and other worth seeing places there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) A large number of tourists, both foreign and domestic, visit Mathura and

Vrindavan. Reliable statistics of tourists annually visiting these centres are not available.

(b) and (c). The State Government has set-up at the Central Government instance a registered society named Braj Bhumi Samrakshan Aur Vikas Samiti for conservation and development of art culture, literature and traditions of Brajbhoomi. The society is also responsible for identification and coordination of various projects for the development of tourism in this area.

The construction of a Ras Lila stage at a total cost of Rs. 1.15 lakhs in Goverdhan Parikrama was sanctioned by the Central Government during 1984-85 and a sum of Rs. 1.00 lakh was released to the State Government as advance.

A master plan for the development of Brajbhoomi Parikrama has been prepared and proposals within the framework of the development plan would be taken up during the Seventh Plan Period with the consultation of the State Government.

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Facilities for Training in Hotel Management

5560. SHRI P. K. THUNGON : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are adequate facilities for training personnel in hotel management; and

(b) if so, how many such Government and private recognised institutions are there, names thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Apart from the existing facilities for training in hotel management by some hotel chains for their own personnel, the Central Government has set up 11 Institutes of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition and 12 Foodcraft Institutes at the following places :