

Zonal Councils for Promoting Regional Culture

5657. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up zonal councils to promote and integrate regional cultures;

(b) the details of the steps taken/proposed by Government in the matter; and

(c) the salient features of the proposals ?

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. It is proposed to set up zonal cultural centres in the country.

(b) and (c). The Zonal Cultural Centres will lay special emphasis on people's participation in cultural activities and would emphasize separate identities as well as similarities by the Zone in a sense that it would be a symbol of unity in diversity. These would be suitably illustrated in terms of various artistic manifestations like music, folk dances, folk crafts and tribal arts. A Zonal Centre for Northern Zone is being set up at Patiala covering the States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan. The details are being worked out. Another such centre for the Eastern Zone will be set up shortly at Shantiniketan.

Development of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh

5658. SHRI P.K. THUNGON : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are good prospects of tourism in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the annual budgetary allocation—Plan and non-plan, for Arunachal Pradesh year-wise for the last three years;

(c) the Centre's annual budgetary

allocation—plan and non-plan, for the other States and Union Territories for the last three years; and

(d) the contribution/share of the State Governments and Union Territory Governments for the same period year-wise ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State annual budget for the last three years is as follows :

(Rupees in lakhs)		
Year	Non-Plan	Plan
1982-83	8.80	0.53
1983-84	8.73	0.58
1984-85	9.00	0.66

(c) and (d). The Department does not have state-wise budget allocations. Instead the Department provides financial assistance whenever the State Governments/ Union Territories propose suitable tourism projects. Such projects are entertained by the Department subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities. Presently, there is no proposal from Arunachal Pradesh pending with the Department.

Revision of Ceiling Line for Identifying Persons below Poverty Line

5659. SHRI S.L. MURMU : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred question No. 4308 on 22 August, 1984 regarding revision of ceiling line for identifying person below poverty line and state :

(a) whether the deliberations of Study Group have since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c). The Study Group on Concepts and Estimation of