

(b) As the work relating to resettlement of displaced persons is more or less complete in the three zones of the Dandakaranya Project namely, Paralkote and Kondagaon in Madhya Pradesh and Umorkoto in Orissa, it has been decided to transfer the assets and institutions in these zones to the respective State Governments free of cost. The Fourth Zone namely Malkangiri in Orissa, the Project Authority itself and all the Zonal Offices will continue to function for some more time.

(c) After transfer of the assets and institutions, the State Government will be responsible for the maintenance thereof. The Government of India will however, provide funds to meet the deficiencies in the assets and institutions to be taken over by the State Government and will also bear the expenditure on maintenance for a period of five years.

(d) No, Sir.

Proposal to Professionalise Tourism Services

1180 SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to professionalise tourism services in the country ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction ;

(c) the guidelines sent to various States in this regard ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (d). In the Seventh Five Year Plan special emphasis will be given to the training and professionalisation of tourism services in the country. For this purpose Indian Institute of Tourism and

Travel Management and National Council of Hotel Management conduct seminars, workshops, executive development programmes etc. The facilities offered by various International bodies like Pacific Area Travel Association, World Tourism Organisation etc. are also availed of for training purposes. The Department of Tourism also has a scheme under which foreign exchange is released to candidates sponsored by Hotels and Restaurants for trainings in various Universities abroad.

To meet the demand for professionally skilled personnel in the field of travel and tourism, the Ministry has requested the State Governments/Union Territories to consider the question of providing educational facilities in Tourism in the universities, colleges and vocational institutions in their areas.

Warehouse Sales of Colour T.V. Sets

1181. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ?

(a) whether "Warehouse Sales" of colour and black and white TV sets will start very soon ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and when it will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). Government has no proposal to start warehouse sales of colour and black & white TV sets. However, under the MTB Scheme launched by Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), the member manufacturers have been advised by ET&T to resort to warehouse sales conveniently in course of time in order that the end-users have the option and facility to buy TV sets at the manufacturers' sale counters located in their warehouses. Such sales would be at prices without adding distribution costs