

such hostels after famous Indian players who are no more ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R.K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The proposed development programme for sports and games during VII Five Year Plan includes *inter-alia* a scheme of establishment of Sports Hostels in close proximity to the Regional Sports Coaching Centres of the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports. The scheme is proposed to be implemented in cooperation with the State Governments. The stage for taking a decision on naming these sports hostels has not been reached.

Construction of Tourist Homes in Beaches in Orissa, West Bengal and Kerala

1237. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of tourists who came to India in 1983 and 1984 ;

(b) the number of tourist hotels and hostels of ITDC in India and locations thereof ; and

(c) whether Government propose to build a tourist home with modern amenities at Puri sea beach in Orissa, Digha beach of West Bengal and Kovalam beach of Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan to provide opportunity for the youth to travel and stay at moderate expenses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Foreign tourist arrivals, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, were 884,731, and 852,503 during the years 1983 and 1984 respectively.

(b) The India Tourism Development Corporation is now operating 24 hotels,

9 travellers' lodges and 4 forest lodges in India. These are located in the following places :—

Place (States)

Hotels

1. New Delhi (9 hotels)
2. Patna (Bihar)
3. Jammu (J&K)
4. Bangalore (Karnataka)
5. Mysore (Karnataka)
6. Hassan (Karnataka)
7. Kovalam (Kerala)
8. Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

Place (States)

9. Khajuraho (M.P.)
10. Bhubaneshwar (Orissa)
11. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
12. Udaipur (Rajasthan)
13. Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu)
14. Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
15. Varanasi (U.P.)
16. Calcutta (West Bengal)

Forest Lodges

1. Kaziranga (Assam)
2. Sasangir (Gujarat)
3. Mukki (M.P.)
4. Bharatpur (Rajasthan)

Travellers' Lodges

1. Bijapur (Karnataka)
2. Bodhgaya (Bihar)
3. Kulu (H.P.)
4. Manali (H.P.)
5. Konark (Orissa)
6. Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu)
7. Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu)
8. Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu)
9. Kushinagar (U.P.)

(c) In the Seventh Plan the Department has proposals to provide moderately priced boarding facilities at major sea resorts including Puri (Orissa), Digha (West Bengal) and Trivandrum (Kerala).