

Plans to Promote Tourism in Rajasthan

1238. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of amount spent in Rajasthan by the Central Department of Tourism and ITDC during the last three years giving year-wise break-up, separately ; and

(b) the future plans of his Ministry and ITDC to promote tourism in Rajasthan ?

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

(a) The details of the amount spent in Rajasthan by the Central Department of Tourism and ITDC in the last three years is given as under :—

	1981-82	1982-83	(Rupees in lakhs) 1983-84
Department of Tourism	6.76	16.30	14.28
I.T.D.C.	12.40	17.36	0.29

During the current year, the Department of Tourism have released Rs. 23.17 lakhs and ITDC Rs. 13 lakhs so far in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) The development and promotion of Tourism is a continuous process. However, the Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Govt. have identified three travel circuits comprising 20 tourist centres in the State of Rajasthan for the development of tourist facilities through the combined resources of Centre, State and Private Sector.

2. The Department of Tourism have already requested the State Govt. to submit details on the following schemes which could be taken up by the Department during the VII Five Year Plan :—

- (a) Development of Mewar Complex
- (b) Flood-lighting of monuments
- (c) Preparation of Master Plans
- (d) Development of Jodhpur Complex
- (e) Water Sports facilities at various Lakes
- (f) Development of Pushkar Ghats
- (g) Provision of basic facilities at Talchappar

(b) Construction of Dharamshalas, Sarais in Rajasthan including Ajmer and Nathdwara.

3. For the promotion of tourism in Rajasthan, the Department of Tourism through ITDC produces publicity material including film etc. on various States including Rajasthan. Under the Hospitality programme of the Department, Travel writers, Travel agents/Tour operators are invited to visit important places including Rajasthan. These people on their return publicise India in the overseas markets.

The future plan of ITDC includes the expansion of their existing Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel at Udaipur by addition of a new block of 19 rooms at an estimated cost of Rs. 32 lakhs. The scheme also envisages up-gradation of the hotel from 3-star to 4-star standard.

Construction of Barbed Wire Fence Along Indo-Bangla Border

1239. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed construction of the barbed wire fence