

Promotion of narwar and Jaisalmer as Tourist Destination By I.T.D.C.

6205. SHRI KAMALA MISHRA
MADHUKAR:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHER-
JEE:
SHRI VJOY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC has developed Narwar in Madhya Pradesh and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan during 1991-92 as tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred and income earned from these tourist spots; and

(c) the number of foreign/domestic tourists visits these spots during 1991-92 and the steps Government propose to take to make the project viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. ITDC had organised adventure package camps comprising tented accommodation at narwar in Madhya Pradesh and at Sam near Jaisalmer in Rajasthan during 1991-92 to develop them as new tourist destinations.

(b) Government supports such adventure camps purely as promotional ventures and does not expect to earn any profits from them.

(c) The requisite information is given below:-

| | <i>Narwar</i> | <i>Sam,</i> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| - Foreign | 50 | 38 |
| - Domestic | 406 | 94 |
| Total | 456 | 132 |

The adventure camps at Narwar and Sam were pioneering efforts with the objective to develop new tourist destinations in backward, difficult and remote areas. The experience gained from these camps has been encouraging.

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

6206. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the telephone ex-

changes in Bihar, the proposal for the expansion of which has been approved;

(b) whether the expansion work of any of these exchanges has been started;

(c) if so, the details of the work completed during the years 1991-92;

(d) whether any project to expand the telephone exchanges of Veerpur-Sapaul-Saharsa and to interlink these with STD is also under consideration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?