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Visit of Foreign Tourist during India Tourism Year, 1991

6231. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PORABHU ZANTYE: KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPA-THI: SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:

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

(a) the number of tourist who visited the country as a whole and Goa in particular

during "Visit India year 1991" and the percentage difference over 1990;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the promotion programme to "Visit India Year 1991", the revenue earned and achievements made;

(c) the reasons for the downward trend;

(d) whether the countries of origen which have shown a more than average decline have been identified; and

(e) if so, remedial measures taken for promoting tourism form those countries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ANDTOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-DIA): (a) The number of tourists who visited the country as a whole during 1991 and the percentage difference over 1990 are given below:

Year	Tourist Arrivals	%Change
1990	17707158	-
1991	1677508	-1.7

The relevant statistics in respect of Goa are not available

(b) The expenditure incurred on various activities/programmes relating to "Visit India Year 1991" was about Rs. 600 lakhs. The achievements due to Visti India Year include better awareness and diversification of tourism resources of India. The estimates of revenue earned are not available.

(c) to (e). The downward trend in tourist traffic to India during 1991 was primarily due to Gulf War and its aftermath. It affected almost all the major tourist generating countries and the trend has now been reversed.

Media Expansion Plans

6232. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORM ATION AND BROADCAST-ING be please to state:

(a) whether some media expansion plans have been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these midia expansion plans