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in Science and Technology will be of use to other agencies also, which include the Defence Forces.

Memorandum by Travel Agents Association to boost Tourism Industry

1247. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Travel Agents Association of India have submitted a memorandum to Government outlining certain specific policy recommendations which will give a boost to tourism industry;

(b) if so, what are the major recommendations; and

(c) Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Some of the major recommendations and Government's reaction are given below :

Recommendations	Government reaction
Domestic Tourism should be encouraged	The Department is fully aware of the potential of domestic tourism and has already initiated a number of schemes for this purpose.
Setting-up Market Development Fund :	Government have already initiated appro- priate action for setting up the fund from 1st April, 1986.
Need to automate reservation and other tourist services :	As a first step Air India and Indian Airlines have gone in for computerised reser- vation.
Need to undertake consumer advertising :	Department of Tourism has already reoriented its strategy in that direction and will be undertaking consumer advertising in different parts of the world during the current financial year.

"Air and Water Pollution in Delhi"

1248. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether air and water pollution in the Capital and the adjoining areas known as National Capital Region, is on the increase;

(b) whether in trans-Yamuna colonies like NOIDA etc. water has peculiar taste and that it is invariably mixed with mud; and (c) if so, the action proposed to ensure unpolluted supply of air and water especially to the capital and trans-Yamuna colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) There is no evidence of increase in the air and water pollution in the capital and adjoining areas.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.