

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) The construction work of the proposed building at Jageshwar will be taken up as soon as the land acquisition proceedings are finalised and the land handed over to the Archaeological Survey of India.

[English]

**Vayudoot Operation Plan Making
Howrah as a Civil Aviation Centre
Aerodrome**

1345. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a Vayudoot Operation Plan in the Seventh Five Years Plan making Howrah as a Civil Aviation Centre Aerodrome to operate Asansol-Jamshedpur-Dhanbad-Ranchi as well as Purulia-Birbhum-Malda routes to serve the industrial belt and neglected districts;

(b) whether any representation in this regard has been received by Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :
(a) No, Sir, but Vayudoot is already operating to Jamshedpur and Ranchi ex-Dum Dum airport Calcutta.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Decline in Foreign Tourism Traffic

1346. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV :
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :
SHRI H. G. RAMULU :

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

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the foreign tourist traffic to India due to recent disturbed conditions; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to create confidence in the foreigners and improve the foreign tourist traffic into the country ?

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

(a) There has been decline in foreign tourist arrivals from July, 1984 to May, 1985 due to recent disturbances in the country and the adverse media publicity abroad. However, the tourist arrivals during the month of June, 1985 has shown an increase of about 8.3 per cent as compared to the arrivals during the same month in the previous year.

(b) The measures initiated by the Government to combat the adverse publicity in international media and to create confidence among the prospective tourists abroad include the following :

(1) Reassurance campaigns through press both by the overseas offices of the Tourist Department and the Indian High Commissions.

(2) Personal contacts with tour operators and travel media-persons to project the conditions of normalcy prevailing in the country.

(3) Invitation to travel agents and media-men in foreign countries to come to India at Government expense to have first-hand information on the condition of normalcy in the country.

(4) Overseas publicity and advertising through the media of television and radio.

**Scheduled Caste Basti Burnt in
Madhya Pradesh**

1347. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the burning down of a scheduled caste basti in Kachur village in Madhya Pradesh on June 25, 1985 as reported in the Patriot dated 7 July, 1985; and

(b) if so details thereof and action taken, if any, in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b). According to the report furnished by