

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

1838. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a package programme for the development of tourism in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for the strengthening of tourism infrastructure based on the proposals received from the State Governments on their merit, availability of funds and inter-se-priorities.

The following projects/schemes were sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan in the State of West Bengal, which are at various stages of implementation

1. Tourist Lodge at Digha
2. Sound & Light Show at Rabindra Bharti University
3. Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling
4. Yatrikas at Mayapur and Gangasagar
5. Cottage Block at Gadiara
6. Tourist accommodation at Santiniketan
7. Wayside facilities at Durgapur
8. Development of Tourist/Trekking facilities in West track of Midnapur, Muktamanipur
9. Cruise-Vessel for Sunderbans

10. Launch for river Hooghly, Calcutta.

In addition, special assistance has been sanctioned for development of tourism in the hill areas of Darjeeling.

T.V. Relay Station at Bagalkot, Bijapur

1839. SHRI S. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a T.V. relay station was sanctioned for Bagalkot town of Bijapur district;

(b) if so, whether it has been completed, and

(c) if not, the stage at which it stands and the action being taken to expedite its completion?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). The VII plan of Doordarshan did not provide for establishment of a TV transmitter at Bagalkot. The establishment of such a project under the VIII plan depends upon the availability of adequate funds for the purpose.

Payment to IMF

1840. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'India repaying 82 per cent more to International Monetary Fund' appearing in the Telegraph dated 20.2.90; and