

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

The Alaknanda Gramin Bank has not yet been able to open the branch at the centre due to non-availability of staff.

[*Translation*]

Development of New Tourist Places in Rajasthan

1867. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:
SHRI NATHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inflow of domestic and foreign tourists in Rajasthan is continuously increasing;

(b) the percentage of tourists who visited Rajasthan out of the total number of foreign tourists visiting the country during 1989;

(c) whether there is any proposal for providing central assistance for development of new places of tourist importance in Rajasthan and provide more facilities to the existing tourist places during 1990-91;

(d) whether Government of Rajasthan has submitted any proposal in this regard to Union Government for its approval; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal will be approved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information available from the State Government, about 31% of the total foreign tourists to India, visited Rajasthan

during 1989.

(c) to (e). The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for Central financial assistance for the development of tourism in their State during 1990-91. These schemes would be assisted during 1990-91 on the basis of their merit, availability of funds and inter-se-priorities.

Setting up of a Doordarshan Kendra in Godda and Banka, Bihar

1868. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Doordarshan Kendra in Godda District and at Banka of Bhagalpur District in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). The high power (10 kw) TV transmitter under implementation at Katihar is expected to provide service in parts of Godda and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar. However, Banka in Bhagalpur district is not expected to be satisfactorily covered by this transmitter in view of the intervening distance. While it is the endeavour of the Government to extend TV service to uncovered parts as early as possible, this is essentially dependent upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose under future plans of TV expansion.

Evasion of Taxes by Wholesale Traders

1869. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: