

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Departmental Public Call Offices are generally opened in Central Telegraph Offices/Departmental Telegraph Offices. We have liberalised installation of both local and STD pay phones. These are allotted to individuals. They have to make an application to their Area Managers/ Area General Managers in a prescribed application form. After the pay phone is allotted they have to give a security deposit of Rs. 9600 and have to give a guarantee i.e. the minimum revenue per public telephone would be Rs. 1600/- in case of STD PCS, Rs. 300/- in case of a local PCO and Rs. 100/- in case of a local PCO and Rs. 100/- in case of local PCO managed by a handicapped person. Detailed instructions in this regard were issued in the months of September 1991 and December 1991.

[Translation]

Generation of Solar Power

4178. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the generation of solar power in the villages of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of villages included in the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Small solar photovoltaic power plants are being installed in unelectrified villages/hamlets as part of

the solar photovoltaic demonstration and utilisation programme. Such plants have been installed in 23 villages of Uttar Pradesh; plants in 15 more villages are under installation.

[English]

Identification of Tourists Spots

4179. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL:
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURHY:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:

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

(a) whether the Government are considering various schemes for the promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the new tourists spots identified during the last one year; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to boost the tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Promotion of tourism as well as steps for boosting tourism is a continuous exercise. Schemes in this regard include strengthening and augmentation of tourism infrastructure, effective publicity both in the country as well as key markets overseas.

Fifteen circuits-cum-destinations have been identified for development of tourism in

the country. The details are annexed in the Statement.

STATEMENT

Travel Circuits

1. Kulu—Manali—Leh
2. Gwalior—Shivpuri—Orcha—Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra—Sikkim—Darjeeling—Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneswar—Puri—Konark
5. Hyderabad—Nagarjunasagar—Tirupati
6. Madras—Mahabalipuram—Pondicherry
7. Rishikesh—Narender Nagar—
Gangotri—Badrinath
8. Indore—Ujjain—Maheshwar—
Omkareshwar—Mandu
9. Jaiselmer—Jodhpur—Bikaner—Barmer

Destinations

1. Lakshadweep Islands
2. Andaman Islands
3. Manali (Solang—Nalah)
4. Bekal Beach
5. Muttukadu Beach
6. Kangra (Pong Dam)

Evaluation of Tourist Offices Abroad

4180. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN

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

(a) whether the Government have ever evaluated the performance of tourists offices abroad to know the extent to which foreign tourists have been motivated to visit India;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the details of tourists visited who visited India from abroad where Indian tourist Offices are working and the foreign exchange earned from them during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Evaluation of the performance of overseas tourist offices is an ongoing process. It is the responsibility of the Tourist Offices overseas to motivate people to visit India and see its multifaceted attraction.

A statement of tourist arrivals for the last three years from the countries where Indian Tourist Offices are located is annexed.

The estimate of foreign exchange earnings are not worked out of different nationalities separately. However, the total foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the last three years are indicated below:—

1988-89	:	Rs. 2054 crores
1989-90	:	Rs. 2456 crores
1990-91	:	Rs. 2444 crores