

Terms and Conditions of Pepsi

7127. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods has approached the FIPE to change the terms of approval granted to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) TO (C). M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. has applied for amendments in the terms of approval granted to them. Government have not taken a decision in this regard.

Sharing of ITDC Hotel Properties by ITS Employees

7128. SHRI KAMALA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the employees of ITDC hotels to purchase the shares while disinvesting the shares of these hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the modalities being finalised in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Government have formulated a scheme whereby small group of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. A portion of the capital is also proposed to be offered to ITDC employees/public/ financial institutions. The

modalities in this regard are being finalised.

Losses in ITDC Hotels

7129. SHRILOKANATH CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for losses in ITDC hotels and increase in private sector hotels during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The gulf war and its aftermath, internal disturbances in some parts of the country, issuance of tourism advisories by some countries declaring India as an unsafe destination etc. caused a set back to tourism industry in the country as a whole including ITDC hotels.

(b) The steps being taken by ITDC to improve financial performance of its hotels inter-alia include product improvement, control over expenditure, special package tours for promoting domestic tourism, incentives through discounts, marketing and reservation tie-ups etc.

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Fall in Water Level

7130. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: