

BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). In his letter dated 27th July, 1994, the Chief Election Commissioner has sought administrative autonomy, as according to him, his present position is at variance with the situation prevailing in the case of other constitutional authorities.

(c) While, the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners are appointed by the President under the provisions of article 324 of the Constitution, the other officers and staff of the Commission are appointed like other Government servants.

(d) and (e). In 1982, the then Chief Election Commissioner had written to the Government seeking enhanced administrative and financial powers of the Commission. He also demanded that the expenditure incurred on the Election Commission of India should be charged on the Consolidated Fund of India.

(f) These are under examination.

### Tour by Minister

2307. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days during this financial year the Minister of State in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs went on tour within the country and outside, separately;

(b) the details of such tours;

(c) the expenses incurred in respect of each tour;

(d) whether the expenses were borne by the Central Government budget; and

(e) if not, the source of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). A Statement containing the information regarding tours undertaken by the Minister of State for Law, Justice and Company Affairs is attached.

(d) and (e). The expenses on Air/Rail Fare, Petrol, T.A. and D.A. in respect of all these tours were borne by the Central Government.

### STATEMENT

		Period of Tour		No. of Days	Place of Visit	Expenditure (in Rs.) On Air/Rail Fare, Petrol, TA&DA
		From	To			
WITHIN THE COUNTRY	1.	1.4.94	2.4.94	2	Kurukshetra/Tajewala	—*
	2.	14.5.94	15.5.94	2	Kurukshetra/Yamunanagar	—*
	3.	17.6.94	18.6.94	2	Bombay	7,759/-
	4.	20.6.94	21.6.94	2	Bangalore	9,624/-
	5.	25.6.94	25.6.94	1	Panipat	—*
	6.	7.9.94	8.9.94	2	Bombay	8,528/-
	7.	9.9.94	12.9.94	3	Bhopal	2,300/-
	8.	6.10.94	6.10.94	1	Bombay	7,851/-
	9.	29.10.94	1.11.94	3	Chandigarh	700/-
	10.	9.11.94	9.11.94	1	Bombay	7,851/-
	11.	14.11.94	15.11.94	2	Chandigarh	700/-
	12.	16.11.94	16.11.94	3	Calcutta	9,594/-
	13.	19.11.94	21.11.94	3	Chandigarh	700/-
	14.	26.11.94	27.11.94	2	Ahmedabad	6,272/-
	15.	2.12.94	4.12.94	3	Kurukshetra/Tajewal/ Yamunanagar	—*
	16.	7.12.94	7.12.94	1	Rohtak	—*
	17.	10.12.94	10.12.94	1	Rohtak	—*
				TOTAL	61,877/-	
FOREIGN TOUR	18.	8.10.94	15.10.94	7	London & Frankfurt	1,30,048/-

\*There was no expenditure on these tours except on petrol. It is not possible to calculate the exact expenditure in this regard.