

Development of Neterhat as a Tourist Centre in Bihar

401. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Neterhat in Palamau district of Bihar as an attractive tourist centre;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be developed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) to (c). The Department of Tourism in association with the State Government have identified three tourist travel circuits in the State of Bihar for a phased development of tourist infrastructure through the combined resources of the Central, State and the private sectors. Neterhat has already been included as one of the places in the three tourist travel circuits.

TV Relay Station in Koderma, Bihar

402. SHRI R.L.P. VARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high power T.V. relay centre at Dhajadhari hill in Koderma sub-division for workers in mica mines and the other rural people; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is, at present, no approved scheme to set up a TV

transmitter in Koderma sub-division of Hazaribag district of Bihar.

[English]

Modernisation of Ferro Chrome Plant in Orissa

403. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited had furnished a proposal to Union Government for modernisation and diversification of Ferro Chrome Plant at Jajpur Road in Orissa seeking external assistance from Japan as special loan out of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), in response to a proposal invited by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This proposal, alongwith other proposals, is under consideration for 1990-91 Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) loan assistance from Japan.

NRI Investment

404. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment of non-resident Indians savings in the new and existing industries in the country; and

(b) the percentage of such investment to total investment?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Investment by NRIs in various schemes upto 30th Novem-

ber, 1989 as under:

(In Rs. crores)

I. Direct Investment in Industry	1672.69
II. Portfolio Investment	73.16

(b) It is not possible to work out percentages as NRI investment speciality in Portfolio investment is, at market price whereas total investments are in terms of face value.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now we take up Short Notice Question No. 1.

Prof. K.V. Thomas.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have gone to the next question.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Thomas is not here.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats. I am on my legs. Please take your seats.

(Interruptions)

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Bombay-Cochin Flight

S.N.Q. No. 1. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of flights in the Bombay-Cochin sector have been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when these flights will be restored;

(d) whether the Delhi-Goa-Cochin-Trivandrum flight continues to land at Cochin;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the timing of this flight will be rescheduled so that it may land at Cochin?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c): Till the 19th of November, 1989, Indian Airlines was operating three daily B-737 services between Bombay and Cochin. Due to the non-availability of B-737 aircraft on account of the strike by the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers, with effect from the 20th of November, 1989, Indian Airlines started operating only one daily scheduled flight on the Bombay-Cochin sector. With the improvement in the availability of aircraft, Indian Airlines, with effect from the 18th of December 1989, introduced the second daily service between Bombay and Cochin. The third service on this sector will be re-introduced as soon as the B-737 operating aircraft position improves further.

(d) to (f). Prior to the 20th of November, 1989, Indian Airlines was operating a daily B-737 service on the Delhi-Goa-Cochin-Trivandrum sector and return. Due to the strike by the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and the consequent non-availability of B-737 aircraft, this service was withdrawn. With effect from the 22nd of December, 1989, Indian Airlines has restored the Delhi-Goa-Cochin service.