

Visit of Foreign Tourists to South India

taken to attract more foreign tourists to South India especially Karnataka; and

952. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(c) if so, the details thereof?

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited places of tourist interest in South India, especially Karnataka during 1989, 1990 and so for in 1991;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) As per the information available from the State Governments, the foreign tourist traffic to South India during 1989 and 1990 are as given below:

(b) whether any measures are being

	<i>Number of foreign Tourists</i>	
	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>
Andhra Pradesh	28,479	30,028 (Upto November)
Kerala	1,25,686	77,554 (Upto May)
Tamil Nadu	3,79,113	2,89,944 (Upto November)
Karnataka	*	92,421 (Upto September)

Figures for later period are not available.

* Comparable figures for 1989 in the case of Karnataka are not available.

(b) and (c). Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Government. The Central Government, however, provide financial assistance on the basis of specific proposals received from the States/ Union Territories, inter-se priorities and availability of funds. All the States in South India including Karnataka, have been given such assistance for various schemes and tourist attractions of these states are being given wide publicity in the overseas markets.

Development of Tourist Spot in Madhya Pradesh

953. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some places of tourist interest in Madhya Pradesh are proposed to be developed during this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

amount of Central assistance likely to be provided in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following places of tourist interest in Madhya Pradesh have been prioritised during 1990-91 in consultation with the State Government. Estimated cost/amount sanctioned against them is indicated.

1. *Tourist complex at:*

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| (a) | <i>Pachmarhi:—</i> | Estimated cost Rs. 20.00 lakhs. |
| (b) | <i>Bara Mahadev:—</i> | Sanctioned Rs. 13.86 lakhs. |
| (c) | <i>Chitrakoot:—</i> | Sanctioned Rs. 09.66 lakhs. |

2. *Wayside amenities at:*

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| (a) | <i>Bhojpur:—</i> | Sanctioned Rs. 11.54 lakhs. |
| (b) | <i>Dodhi:—</i> | Sanctioned Rs. 11.54 lakhs. |

3. *Yatri Niwas at Ujjain:*

Estimated cost Rs. 45.00 lakhs.

4. *Water sports equipment and tents:*

Estimated cost Rs. 10.00 lakhs.

5. *Tourist Bungalow at Panna National Park:*

Estimated cost Rs. 19.00 lakhs.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Connections and Postal Facilities in Bihar

954. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections allotted in the different districts/main

cities of Bihar during the year 1988, 1989, 1990 respectively and the number of persons who are likely to be allotted new telephone connections during the current financial year;

(c) the details of the steps taken to improve the telecommunication facilities in Bihar since December, 1990 to date and the details of the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the number of post offices in Bihar where telephone facility has not been provided so far and the time by which telephone