

- (vi) Regional MAB Workshop for Central & South Asian countries;
- (vii) International Conferences on Environmental Education; and
- (viii) An Environmental Education Project on Rural Youth Training.

2. Indian Environmental Society has instituted an annual Award—Ramdeo Medal for Environmental Sciences. It is given to outstanding Scientists/Administrators in recognition of their contributions to Environmental Sciences in their personal capacity. The awards are normally decided one year ahead of the actual presentation.

| Year | To Whom Awarded | Areas |
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| 1980 | Dr. Michael G. Royston Faculty Member, Environmental Management Centre for Education in International Management, Geneva | Environment Impact/Management, |
| 1981 | Not awarded | |
| 1982 | Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Director General, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines, Manila | Agriculture and Environment. |
| 1983 | Dr. T.N. Khoshoo, Secretary, Department of Environment, New Delhi | Energy from Plants and Management of Environment. |
| 1984 | Dr. Mostafa Tolba, Executive Director, United Nations Environmental Programme, Nairobi | Protection and Improvement of Environment. |

Proposal to Extend Runway Facilities in Renigunta Airport

2412. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the runway facilities to land Boeing planes and night services in Renigunta Air Port in view of its National importance for tourists visiting Lord Venkateswara; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (c) and (d). It is proposed to extend

and strengthen the runway at Renigunta (Tirupati) airport, in the Seventh Plan period, to make it suitable for operation of Boeing 737 aircraft during day time.

IATA Registered Travel Agencies in India

2413. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of travel agencies working in India;

(b) the number out of these having IATA registration;

(c) whether there is any move on the part of Government to cancel the approval