

AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gorakhpur is a place of tourist attraction for international tourists particularly the Budhists;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open a hotel there in the public sector and if not, whether such a proposal is likely to be considered; and

(c) whether it is proposed to increase the air service for Gorakhpur with a view to promote tourism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) Gorakhpur is an important tourist centre in the North Eastern Region of Uttar Pradesh for Buddhist pilgrims visiting Kushinagar, Sravasti, Lumbini (Nepal) and Piprahwa.

(b) Presently India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has no proposal to open a hotel at Gorakhpur. The 7th Plan of ITDC also does not include any plan provision for opening any new hotel in the country.

(c) Indian Airlines, at present, operates four times weekly HS-748 services on Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Gorakhpur route, as also a thrice weekly F-27 service on Calcutta-Varanasi-Gorakhpur route. The capacity provided at present meets the demand and there is no proposal to increase the air service to/from Gorakhpur.

[English]

Regional Research Laboratories

3476. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Regional Research Laboratories in India and the places where they are located;

(b) expenditure on all these laboratories during the year 1984-85;

(c) the scientific inventions, formula or other innovations evolved by these regional laboratories during the year 1984-85; and

(d) whether any one of these inventions, innovations of formulae is put to commercial use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) There are six Regional Research Laboratories under the CSIR, located at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Jammu, Jorhat and Trivandrum.

(b) The expenditure on the six Regional Research Laboratories during the year 1984-85 was Rs. 14.32 crores.

(c) During the year 1984-85, 18 patent applications for innovations evolved by these laboratories were filed and 17 patent applications filed earlier were accepted. Over the period 1978-79 to 1984-85, over 90 patent applications were filed and over 70 processes were developed by these laboratories.

(d) Of these 70 processes developed, 60 have been released to industry for commercial utilisation. Inventions and Innovations made during 1984-85 will take some time to be commercially utilized.

Extension of Air India Flight to Trivandrum from Bombay and Madras.

3477. SHRI P.A. ANTHONY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation to extend the Air India flights to Trivandrum from Bombay and Madras for the convenience of large number of Keralites working abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Government have received some representations from the International Kerala Travellers Association, West Germany, to re-route Air India's

Bombay - Madras - Kuala Lumpur-Singapore and vice-versa services through Trivandrum with suitable connections to/from points in the West.

(b) Due to operational and capacity constraints, it has not been found feasible, for the present, to extend Air India flights to Trivandrum from Bombay and Madras. Convenient Indian Airlines flights are available between Bombay/Madras and Trivandrum.

Setting up of a Federation of Tribal Development Corporation :

3478. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in its Third Report recommended that a federation of Tribal Development Corporation might be set up at the national level to handle problems of the State level Corporations working in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter;

(c) the modalities of the above Corporation since set up or proposed to be set up at the national level;

(d) whether any Members of Parliament belonging to the Scheduled Tribes will also be appointed on this Corporation; if so, how many; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The Government of India is examining the question of setting up of a national level Tribal Cooperative Marketing Federation (TRIFED). The details of the modalities and bye-laws etc. for the said Corporation are being worked out and are yet to be finalised.

Utilization of Solar Energy

3479. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether non-conventional sources of energy specially solar energy are not being energetically utilised and if so, corrective steps proposed;

(b) whether it is a fact that solar water heater units designed so far are too expensive, impractical and have not become popular; and

(c) whether practical pragmatic solar water heater units for homes can be designed speedily to reduce dependence on electricity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Solar hot water systems for domestic use have now started being made by several manufacturers in the country.

Receipt and Expenditure on Asiad-82

3480. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASS MUNSI : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) total expenditure on ASIAD-82 and the fixed assets value now in the capital;

(b) total sale proceeds of the inventories which were sold after the ASIAD; and

(c) the highest gate collections in average to ASIAD and in which discipline it was the largest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

New Projects in Electronics

3481. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :