

**Afforestation and purification of
Ganga**

3561. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the concept of the Land Army would be considered in order to achieve full afforestation targets, irrigation facilities and cleaning of the Ganga and other rivers in order to bring around a new era of hope, stability and prosperity amongst neglected sections of society who constitute a majority in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : Even though extensive public participation is being sought in the programmes of afforestation, pollution control and environmental conservation, there is no proposal to constitute a Land Army at present for these purposes.

**Leakage from the roof of Madras
Airport**

3562. SHRI P. R. KUMARA MANGALAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether about a month ago the new Madras Airport (Domestic Terminal) leaked heavily from the roof within a few weeks of its opening; and

(b) if so, steps taken by the Civil Aviation Department or the International Airport Authority of India against its officers and the contractors to ensure that such bad workmanship is not repeated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Some minor leakage was noticed in the Domestic Terminal Building at Madras Airport during the first rain. The leakage was through the expansion joint where water proofing treatment work was in progress and had not been completed by then.

(b) Since the leakage had occurred prior to water proofing work being completed, no action was considered necessary either against any officer of IAAI or the contractor.

**Accommodation for Pilgrims by
Government of Orissa**

3563. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa have framed a plan to construct a hotel to provide better accommodation to pilgrims coming to Puri for 'Darshan' of Lord Jagannath Temple;

(b) whether the State Government have approached the Central Government for financial assistance in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (c). The Department of Tourism has not received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for financial assistance to construct a hotel at Puri to provide better accommodation to pilgrims coming for 'Darshan' of Lord Jagannath Temple. However, Utkal Ashok Corporation Limited, which has been promoted jointly by the India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. and the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. has undertaken the construction of a 44-room 3-Star hotel at Puri, at an estimated cost of Rs. 190 lakhs. Besides, the Bhartiya Yatri Avs Vikas Samiti is constructing a Yatrika at Puri, at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.50 lakhs, 90 per cent of which will be met by the Central Government;.

Theft of Uniforms

3564. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7 July, 1985 that Worldwide alert for possible theft of uniforms of crew has been sent by