

Decongestion of Bombay Metropolis

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Railways to collaborate in decongestion of the Greater Bombay metropolis ;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made in this regard ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Move to Give Tourism to Private Sector

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SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Indian Express dated 7 June, 1988 under the caption "Move to give tourism to private sector" ;

(b) if so, the extent to which Government propose to handover tourism to the private sector and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Indian Tourism Development Corporation proposes to build lower category hotels in the country to encourage tourism ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) The private sector already plays a very major role in tourism. However, to attract more private sector investment in tourism a package of incentives/concessions has been offered recently.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(a) In collaboration with the State Governments/State Tourism Development Corporation, ITDC is constructing the following :-

(1) 47-room 3-Star Hotel at Bhopal

(2) 52-room 3-Star Hotel at Puri

(3) 20-room 3-Star Hotel at Pondicherry

(4) 20 room 1-2-Star Hotel at Itanagar.

Malfunctioning of V.H.F System at Bombay Airport

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

(a) whether the vital communication link (VHF) at the Bombay airport has been malfunctioning for quite some time, reducing the contact range between an air-craft and air traffic control ;

(b) if so, for how long the VHF system at Bombay airport has been malfunctioning and the reasons for not rectifying the defect ; and

(c) the steps taken for smooth functioning of the system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) :

(a) On a few occasions during March-April this year, there had been deterioration in the performance of VHF link between the unit at Trombay hill and the Control Tower at Bombay airport, reducing the contact range between the aircraft and Air Traffic Control. Rectification action was taken expeditiously as and when the malfunctioning/deterioration in the performance of the link was observed. The link has been restored to its efficient performance level and is working satisfactorily since May, 1988 onwards. In addition to this, standby transmitters and receivers have been installed at the terminal building at Bombay airport, for use during the failure/deterioration of the link between Trombay and terminal building, Bombay airport.