

(a) whether the National Committee on Tourism has suggested the creation of a National Tourism Board and a separate cadre of Indian Tourism service;

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

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(a) and (b). The National Committee on Tourism has recommended among other things, for creation of a National Tourism Board and a separate cadre of Indian Tourism Service. The Tourism Board, which is to be set up on the pattern of Railway Board, will be responsible for the following :

- To formulate tourism policy and carry out research and analysis work.
- To review the international and domestic tourism environment and frame Perspective and Long Range Plans.
- To audit the resource outlook and bring forward proposals for better utilisation, generation and mobilisation of physical, financial and human resources for tourism.
- To propose creative strategies for international and domestic marketing, product and infrastructure development, and similar other functional areas.
- To ensure organisational effectiveness of the national, and State Tourism Boards through proper staffing, system and leadership.
- To monitor progress in the implementation of tourism policies, projects and schemes.
- To assist and coordinate with State Governments on tourism development.
- To establish a fully computerised National Tourism Information Centre to collect, store and disseminate all relevant tourism data and information required by tourists.

The Cadre of Tourism Service would have the advantage of equipping the personnel with an in depth knowledge and

experience of dealing with tourism as a national activity.

(c) No final decision on these recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism has been taken as yet.

#### Introduction of Express Train between Bombay and Vijayawada

3580. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a consistent demand for introduction of an express train between Bombay and Vijayawada to cater to the needs of the ever growing passenger traffic;

(b) if so, the time by which such an express train is expected to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Presently it is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

#### Non-Inclusion of Research Officers in Faculty of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare

3581. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Research Officers working at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare at New Delhi are not included in the faculty of the Institute;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the position in this regard in other National Institutes in the country; and

(d) the reasons for National Institute of Health and Family Welfare not following the practice as in other National Institutes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi has adopted the