

Development of Buddhist Places of Pilgrimage

2264. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has drawn up a plan in consultation with the State Governments to develop Buddhist places of pilgrimage all over the country;

(b) if so, the names of the places, State-wise, selected for this purpose and the facilities proposed to be provided at these places;

(c) whether Rewalsar in Mandi District, Manali, Tabo and Kye in Lahul Spiti and Pooh in Kinnaur District of Himachal Pradesh have also been included as in the case with Ladakh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether these places would be included in consultation with the State Government for the provision of such facilities?

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

(b) The Central Department of Tourism had constituted a Task Force in 1986 to identify Buddhist Centres in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and give recommendations about development of tourism infrastructure. A second Task Force was formed by the Department in 1987 to identify Buddhist Centres in States other than Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The report of the Task Force is awaited. The decision about centres to be taken up for development of infrastructure will be taken after the report of the Task Force is received and studied.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Transmission System for Telecommunication

2265. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to develop Local Area Network (LAN) for transmission in the country keeping in view the fact that Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation has introduced the first generation of local area network integrated circuits, which provide a faster and more reliable alternative to the existing transmission system for telecom;

(b) if so, the exact position in this regard and the likely date by which the network would be introduced in the country; and

(c) if not, whether the Department of Electronics has taken into account the latest technology keeping in view the use of two chip CMOS sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Local Area Network (LAN) products are being developed in the country using state-of-the-art Integrated Circuits (ICs) appearing in the market from time to time. LANs operate within a building or a campus to network computers and are not a solution for long distance transmission systems (whether within a city/town for longer distances) used in public telecom network of Department of Telecommunications or other major users. Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation Ltd. has not introduced any local area network integrated circuits.

(b) and (c). Introduction of LANs will not