

**Government for development of Hope Island near Kakinada as a tourist centre, and**

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The Central Department of Tourism has received a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Central financial assistance for construction of a Beach Resort at Hope Island at an estimated cost of Rs. 286.90 lakhs. The project envisages 4 dormitories, 50 double bedrooms, 16 cottages, an Aquarium, a Swimming Pool and other related facilities. The Department does not allocate funds either State-Wise or project-wise but scheme-wise.

**Package Tours by Vayudoot for Tourists**

8528 SHRI VAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Vayudoot has introduced the system of package tours meant for tourists,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the response received for the package tours from the foreign tourists is satisfactory,

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the coverage under the package tours; and

(e) if so, whether any tourist centre in Kerala would be included therein?

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

Vayudoot offers package tours during specified periods of the year to certain destinations in Himachal Pradesh, U P, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam and Meghalaya. The package tours offer a variety of options regarding itinerary and prices.

(c) and (d) The package tours have been so devised as to primarily serve the Indian clientele.

(e) Yes, Sir

**Chartered Flights to Kerala**

8529 SHRI VAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce chartered flights for tourists to Kerala, 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) In Kerala, Trivandrum airport is open for tourist Charter flights. This department has already approved a proposal from U K to operate a tourist charter series from U K to Goa and Trivandrum subject to the operation being in accordance with the charter guidelines. The inclusive tourist charter series is scheduled to operate from October 30, 1989 until April 30, 1990.

**Financial Assistance for Development of Travel Circuits in Assam**

8530 SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI  
SHRI ABDUL HAMID

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