

(d) Security Forces have been strengthened on Indo-Pakistan border with more manpower, additional border outposts, observation post towers, sophisticated equipments and vehicles for intensive patrolling.

[*Translation*]

Promotion of Adventurous Sailing Scheme

6717. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated a scheme to promote adventurous sailing to attract tourists in Ganga, Yamuna and Sharda rivers flowing in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry propose to provide special financial assistance to the State Tourism Development Corporation engaged in promoting tourist facilities in these; and

(d) 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 public sector no scheme to promote adventurous sailing has been formulated. However, the Government encourages all such activities intended to attract tourists traffic throughout the country.

(c) The proposal for providing financial assistance received from the State Governments are considered on merits, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(d) Does not arise.

Recruitment Centres in U.P.

6718. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of able-bodied persons fit or recruitment to the army in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number thereof in 1987 and 1988;

(c) whether recruitment centres were opened in the State according to this number for their recruitment in the various branches of the army; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to open the required number of centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d). The assessment of recruitable population is made on the basis of the Recruitable Male Population (RMP) concept viz., 10% of the total male population. Presently, the State-wise RMP is worked out on the basis of the 1981 census.

The total male population of Uttar Pradesh (1981 census) was 5,82,87,621. Accordingly, the RMP works out to 58,28,762. A BRO is established for an RMP of 5 to 7 1/2 lakhs. At present, there are 9 BRO and 1 ZRO in Uttar Pradesh, which were providing adequate recruitment cover.

[*English*]

Freight Charges to Kuwait by Air India

6719. SHRI SURESH KURUP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: