

conveyed that Britain was opposed to any form of violence or terrorism.

Conversion of Five Star Hotels into Three Star Hotels

4170. SHRI BEZHAWADA PAPI REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Five Star ITDG hotels into Three Star Hotels; and

(b) whether Government propose to concentrate on Janata type accommodation for the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The construction of budget hotels for domestic travellers will be assigned priority in the 7th Five Year Plan. The Department of Tourism has written to the State Governments for formulating proposals for constructing such hotels at major centres of tourist interest. These proposals will be finalised in consultation with the State Governments.

Air Services in Coastal Areas in Andhra Pradesh

4171. SHRI B. B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce air services in coastal areas in Andhra Pradesh to cover tourist places of interest; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Uniformity in Retirement Age of Professional Staff

4172. SHRI P. PENCHALAI AH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to have uniformity in the retirement age of Central Government services to cover all professional staff such as medical, engineering etc. on the lines of scientific staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. The conditions of service of Central Government employees are, however, under consideration of the Fourth Pay Commission, who would also be looking into the age of retirement of all Central Government employees irrespective of category or service to which they belong.

Recommendation of Ecologists to preserve the Silent Valley in Kerala

4173. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government have accepted the recommendations and opinions of the ecologists, ornithologists and lovers of nature that "the Silent Valley" which is a world renowned tropical forest in Kerala with a priceless wealth of rare species of animals and birds, be preserved as such ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : The Silent Valley Reserve Forest area has been constituted as a National Park under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, by the State Government of Kerala, on 23rd November, 1984.

Purchase of Airbus/aircraft from France

4174. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal/agreement is under consideration of Government to purchase airbus/aircraft from France; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal/agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Air India has signed an agreement with M/s. Airbus Industries of France on 8th April, 1985 for the purchase, at a total estimated cost of Rs. 541.90 crores, of six Airbus A 310-300 aircraft to be delivered