

**Construction of Janata Hotel/Tourist Huts on Rishikesh-Badrinath Route**

1556. SHRI JAGANNATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prior to the construction of Rishikesh and Badrinath route there were Chhattis (shelter-houses) located at a distance of 3-4 miles and that there is no shelter on this route at present; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal for construction of Janata Hotel, Tourist Huts or the like on this route?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTAM KAUSHIK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, some accommodation is available at selected places on the Badrinath route.

(b) Initially it is proposed to construct Janata hotels at the 4 metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, and at selected centres to be determined after undertaking a survey. State Governments and private entrepreneurs will also be encouraged to construct Janata hotels and other types of accommodation at important tourist and pilgrim centres including the Badrinath route.

**आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में उप-निदेशक के पद का बनाया जाना**

1557. श्री रूपनाथ सिंह यादव : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके [मंत्रालय में राजभाषा अधिनियम के क्रियान्वयन के लिए

सितम्बर, 1977 में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में उप-निदेशक के पद का सर्जन किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या उक्त पद को तब से भरा नहीं गया है ; और

(ग) उस पद को कब तक भरा जाएगा ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री एच० एम० पटेल) :

(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) अभी नहीं ।

(ग) लगभग 2-3 महीने में ।

**Rise in the Prices of Foodgrains, Edible Oil and Pulses**

1558. SHRI B. P. MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of foodgrains, edible oil and pulses are showing upward trend during the current month, as compared to the last year prices in the corresponding month; and

(b) the comparative prices in February, 1977 and February, 1978 of the above goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) According to the latest wholesale price Index, the prices of cereals and edible oils were on the whole lower in the week ending February 11, 1978 over the same week a year ago. The wholesale prices of pulses, however, were higher over the year.

(b) Details are given in the attached statement.