ITDC Hotel at Bhopal

7359. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Hotel projects in progress in India;
- (b) is there any proposal of ITDC to set up a Hotel at Bhopal;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Bhopal Project has been shelved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) One hundred and six projects have been approved by the Central Department of Tourism for the construction of hotels.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir. A proposal to construct a 60-room 3 Star hotel at Bhopal jointly by the India Tourism Development Corporation and the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation is under consideration of India Tourism Development Corporation. The proposed hotel would be owned by a separate company to be promoted by the ITDC and the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation. The implementation of the project would be undertaken after completion of necessary formalities.

Loans provided by Nationalised Banks to Share Croppers and Small land Marginal Farmers

7360. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the share croppers and small and marginal farmers who were provided with loans by the nationalised banks and the amount of loans so given during the years 1975—78, State-wise and year-wise;

- (b) the amount not yet recovered and the number of the defaulting share croppers and farmers; and
- (c) the reasons for such non-recovery?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b). Data in respect of advances by public sector banks to small and marginal farmers outstanding for the last three years, i.e. as on last Friday of March, 1976, 1977 and 1978 on Statewise basis is given in annexure.

Information is separately not available in regard to recovery of loans from the small/marginal farmers and share croppers. However, the following table will indicate the percentage of recovery to demand for the direct agricultural advances of the Commercial Banks.

June 1975 51.6

June 1976 51.9

June 1977 50.0

June 1978 51.2

(c) The reasons for such non-recovery are mainly attributable to inter-alia natural calamities such as droughts, floods etc., faulty appraisal of proposal, unsatisfactory marketing arrangements and wilful default on the part of the farmers.