

over the last year's outlay. For financing this outlay, Central assistance of Rs. 161.30 crores has been allocated. This Central assistance marks a substantial increase over the last year's amount. For drought relief in the current year, ceilings of non-plan and plan expenditure have been fixed at Rs. 4.26 crores and Rs. 43.64 crores respectively. The Plan expenditure on drought relief is to be covered by advance Plan assistance from the Central Government in accordance with the policy and arrangements adopted on the recommendations of the 7th Finance Commission.

M.P. Government Proposal for Domestic Air Service

4851. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh is proposing to set up a domestic air service for the State only;

(b) whether the State Government have submitted details of the above proposal to the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c). The State Government sought the advice of this Ministry in regard to suitability of an aircraft for operation of air services in the State, and possible financial assistance from the Government of India. The State Government was informed that the general question of operation of third level air services/feeder services is under consideration of Government and that requests from State Governments/private parties will be considered after a final decision is reached on the subject.

Conversion of old Houses and Mansions into Tourist Attraction in Goa

4852. . SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory of Goa has a large number of palatial houses situated on river banks and hill-tops;

(b) whether some of these mansions are more than 300 years old, famous for their architectural design, ornate form, lovely and graceful portals and with superb antique furniture and tall macao corns;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these palatial and magnificent houses are in ruin;

(d) whether Government have any proposal for the use of these houses in Goa and change them into an attraction for tourists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. However, some of these houses need repairs for their proper preservation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.*

Additional Accommodation in ITDC Hotels

4853. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for providing additional accommodation in ITDC hotels in the various parts of the country; and