

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. Air-India's passenger revenue in the financial year 1979-80 on the Gulf route was Rs. 7838.93 lakhs as compared to the revenue earnings of Rs. 5955.41 lakhs in 1978-79, registering a growth of 31.6 per cent.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Forest Lodges

5624. **SHRI D. P. JADEJA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct forest lodges in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such lodges and sites selected; and

(c) the number of beds to be provided in each lodge?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism during the Fourth Five Year Plan period undertook the construction of forest lodges. Forest Lodges at Bharatpur, Sasangir, Kaziranga and Jaldapara have already been constructed and commissioned and the one at Dandeli is under construction. It is likely to be commissioned shortly. Construction of a 30 double-bedded forest lodge at Kanha was sanctioned in 1979-80. During the Five Year Plan period 1980-85, it is proposed to construct, subject to the availability of funds, a few more forest lodges. The places tentatively selected are Simlipal, Corbett National Park, Hazaribagh Game Sanctuary and Ranthambor Game Sanctuary. The proposed forest lodges will normally have 30 double bed-rooms with a provision for expansion.

Indo-Pak Travel Service

5625. **SHRI R. L. BHATIA:**
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak travel services are being made easy; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Efforts are being made to ease travel between India and Pakistan. Indian Airlines operate regular air services between Bombay-Karachi-Bombay, Delhi-Karachi-Delhi and Delhi-Lahore-Delhi. Train services are also avail. A large number of passengers also use the overhead road route via the Attari Checkpost.

Setting up of Industries in China

5626. **SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN:**
SHRI ARJUN SETHI:
SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement had been entered into by the Birla Group of industries with the China National Technical Import Corporation for setting up industries in China; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) It has been stated in the report of the Delegation of India China Chamber of Commerce & Industry which visited China during June 9-18, 1980 that discussions were held by a representative of the Birla Group of Industries with the China National technical Import Corporation for setting up of a turn-key project for