

potential and better yields-introduction of B-747 services in place of B-707 on routes which require and can sustain additional capacity.

(ii) *Expenditure*; Closure of certain unremunerative offices;

— review of staff strength at various regional establishments;

— reduction in consumption of fuel as far as possible;

— Cut in expenditure on items such as telephones, overtime, transportation etc.

Karnataka Plan to attract Tourist

2751. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tourist Department and the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation have prepared a new strategy to attract more tourists to the Karnataka during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the scheme; and

(c) what assistance and help Union Government has agreed to give?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Recommendations of Working Group on Priority Sector Lending

2752. SHRI B. V. DESAI:

SHRI K. PRADHANI:

SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R.B.I. and Government have accepted the recommendations of the working group

headed by the Dr. K. S. Krishnswamy, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India on priority sector lending and implementation of the 20 point economic programme by commercial banks;

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme;

(c) to what extent the banks have been able to implement the 20 point programme;

(d) how many banks have so far implemented the 20 point programme; and

(e) the total persons benefited due to this?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the guidelines recently issued by the Reserve Bank to all the commercial banks in this regard are set out in the Annex.

(c) to (e). Banks are implementing credit schemes through the District Credit Plans for the benefit of landless labourers, marginal and small farmers, handloom weavers, artisans and craftsmen etc. towards whom the 20 Point Programme is directed. They have also now been advised specific target groups of weaker sections within the Priority Sectors comprising beneficiaries of the 20 Point Programme towards which they need to devote concentrated attention and effort. The data in regard to progress of implementation of the programme have not, however, yet started flowing from the reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India.

Statement

It has been decided that the Public Sector Banks will increase the flow of credit to the Priority Sectors over the next five years so as to raise the proportion of such advances in the aggregate credit to the level of 40 per cent by 1985 and also ensure that a signi-