

Operation of Third Air Level Service by Private persons and Companies

1617. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:
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SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow private persons and companies to start air-services; and

(b) if so, the routes chosen and names of such parties and their terms ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no fresh proposal under consideration of Government. However, under the existing regulations private parties can operate air services on routes not operated by either of the Corporations. A statement showing names of parties and routes on which they are permitted to operate is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1983/81]

Flow of Foreign Tourists to Orissa

1618. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the flow of foreign tourists to Orissa during 1980;

(b) whether Government have any plan to develop the Sea Coast of Orissa to set up places of tourist interests and hotels like the Kovalam in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes Government have drawn up ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The India Tourism Development Corporation and the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation are proposing to set up a Beach Complex initially with 30 cottages at Konark as a joint venture. The scheme is under formulation for implementation during the Sixth Five Year Plan 1980-85.

Opening of Tourist Offices in Orissa

1619. SHRI A. C. DAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Tourist Offices opened in Orissa in 1980-81;

(b) the places where they are located;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to open some new tourist offices in Orissa during 1981-82;

(d) if so, whether any such new tourist office will be opened near any major railway station of the State ; and

(e) the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) to (e). During 1980-81 no Govt. of India Tourist Office has been opened in Orissa. The question of opening of any new Tourist Office at Bhubaneswar will depend *inter alia* on the needs of the area and the availability of resources.

Plan Estimate from Orissa for Nandan Kanan development Project

1620. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA RATH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any plan estimate from Orissa Government for the Nandan Kanan Development Project;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project ;

(c) whether Central assistance will be provided for this Project during the current financial year ; and

(d) the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):

(a) to (d) The India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has recently received a proposal from the Government of Orissa relating to the development of an Elephant Safari Park at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 lakhs and a Lion Safari Park, both near Nandan Kanan, at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.50 lakhs. The proposals are being examined with regard to their feasibility and financial participation by ITDC.

Holding up of work of Aluminium Plant at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

1621. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :