

**Public Call Telephone Facility  
at Agartala Airport**

4486. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no public call telephone facility at Agartala Airport which causes serious inconvenience to the passengers ; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to provide a telephone for the use of the public ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) There is no public telephone (Public Call Office) at Agartala airport. A telephone is, however, available at the Post Office located at the Airport which caters to the requirements of the public. One telephone is also available in the Reserve Lounge,

(b) Yes, Sir. Steps have been taken to provide a separate Public Call Office (P. C. O.) at the Airport.

**Overall cut in allocation for  
Tourism**

\*4487. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that along with the overall cut in the allocation for tourism during the entire Sixth Plan period, Government have drastically reduced this year's outlay for the Department of Tourism ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

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

Sir. As against the proposal for allocation of Rs. 7 crores for the 1982-83 annual plan submitted by the Department of Tourism, the outlay approved is Rs. 3.70 crores only. In view of the allocation of funds for the first 3 years of the Sixth Plan being much lower than the proportionate share on the basis of Rs. 30 crores for the Sixth Plan, the overall allocation for the Sixth Plan, has been reduced to Rs. 25 crores.

(c) The allocation of funds for tourism projects is done in the context of national priorities and availability of resources.

**Visit to Kovalam by Foreign Tourists**

4488. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the countries from which larger inflow of tourists has visited India during 1980-81 and the number of tourists spots they have visited ; and

(b) the number of visitors who visited Kovalam ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) The statistics of international tourists arrivals to India are compiled on calendar year basis and not on financial year basis. During the year 1981 a total of 853,148 international tourists visited India and the details regarding the countries which recorded larger inflow of tourists are as under :—

Country of Nationality	No. of tourists arrivals during 1981
United Kingdom	116,684
U.S.A.	82,052
Sri Lanka	75,842