

New Places for Tourist Promotion activities

1474. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the new places where Government of India want to carry on tourist promotion activities, with details thereof;

(b) whether Government of India are having any plan to promote tourism at Kanya Kumari, the Southern most point of India; and

(c) if so, the details of the plan and the progress so far made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) A comprehensive scheme for the development of tourism has been drawn up in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territories on the basis of the travel circuits concept which envisages an integrated development of 61 circuits covering 441 centres in a phased manner by pooling the resources available in the Central, State private sectors. During 1982-83, action will be initiated/is proposed for the development of facilities at the following new centres in the Central sector: —

Kushinagar, Sravasti, Fatehpur Sikri, Brajbhoomi, Hampi, Ranthabore, Betla, Ranchi, Simlipal, Namchi, (Sikkim) Gauhati, Shillong, Imphal, Itanagar, Kohima, Aizwal, Ukai.

(b) Kanya Kumari is included in one of the Travel Circuits identified in Tamil Nadu for integrated development.

(c) A 3-Star hotel is planned to be put up in the Central sector. The actual implementation of this and other schemes however will depend upon the availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

Bank Robberies in Delhi

1475. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nationalised banks looted in bank robberies in Delhi during the last three months; and

(b) the amount of loss incurred by Government as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) There was one bank robbery in the Union Territory of Delhi during the period 1-4-82 to 30-6-82. A sum of Rs. 2,27,462/- was looted from the Geetanjali Enclave Branch of Punjab National Bank.

Persons Arrested for printing and circulating fake currency

1476. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons arrested for printing or circulating fake currency during 1981-82 and subsequently period to date;

(b) value of currency confiscated and also the estimated value of the fake currency in circulation during the above-mentioned period; and

(c) particulars of the persons punished and the nature and quantum of punishment awarded in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JARANDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Different Classes in I.A. and A.I. flights

1477. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to have different classes in Indian Airlines and Air India flights;

(b) if so, details thereof and when these would become operative; and

(c) the approximate increase in revenue as a result of the measure?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A.P. SHARMA): (a) Air-India already has two