

along with 1.0 m.c.m. of Nitrogen as a new article and 0.3 m.c.m of Dissolved Acetylene. The output of Oxygen Gas during the last three years as reported is given below:—

Year	Thousand cubic metres
1980	201.8
1981	664.5
1982 (Jan. to June).	397.8

(d) & (e). In accordance with the provisions of the Import Policy, import was allowed based on the essentially certified by the concerned sponsoring authority.

#### **Development of Mathura, Chitrakut, Prayag and Ayodhya as Tourist Centres**

4272. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pilgrims reaching Mathura, Chitrakut, Prayag and Ayodhya every year separately;

(b) are these places having potential as tourist centres for Western tourists having interest in yoga, Indian religion and culture; and

(c) if so, the reasons why Government are not taking up such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The Central Ministry of TOURISM does not maintain the statistics regarding the pilgrims visiting various places of religious important India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Development of tourist infrastructure is carried out depending upon the comparative potentialities of various places to attract tourists and the availability of funds. The Central Ministry of Tourism through Bhartiya

Yatri Avas Vilas Samiti, is, at present constructing Yatrikas at Brindavan and Chitrakut.

#### **Circular Vayudoot service for Mathura-Chitrakut-Prayag-Ayodhya through Lucknow**

4273. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) is there any proposal to connect the Hindu religious centres of Mathura, Chitrakut, Prayag and Ayodhya through Lucknow by a circular route of Vayudoot service; and

(b) if so, have Government considered the number of pilgrims reaching these places every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development**

4274. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that NABARD is still to be inaugurated by the P.M. and if so, how has it started functioning already (Sunday 12-18 September, 1982); and

(b) whether Government propose to change the present system of management and functioning of NABARD by introduction of "remote control" with the support of Electronics of Sattelite?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was established on 12th July 1982 and started functioning from that date to avoid any discontinuance of work being done by various agencies which have