

surrender was brought about at about 4 P.M. The object used by him to threaten the pilot was identified as a plastic ball wrapped in yellow cloth.

(ii) On 20-8-82 Indian Airlines Boeing-737, on flight IC-492 Bombay-Udaipur-Jodhpur-Jaipur-Delhi, was hijacked shortly after take off from Jodhpur, by a passenger who described himself as Manjeet Singh. He told the pilot to take the aircraft to Lahore but having failed to get permission to land there, the aircraft landed at Amritsar. According to information conveyed by the pilot, the hijacker threatened to use his revolver and also a hand bomb in case his commands were not followed. The hijacker, on landing at Amritsar, demanded refueling to enable him to take the aircraft to Libya. When negotiations with him failed he was reportedly killed in commando action at Amritsar Airport. A Magistrate is holding inquest into his death.

Inquiries have revealed that his real name was Manjit Singh of Putlighar, Amritsar. He had boarded the aircraft at Udaipur.

(c) In the incident of 4th August, since the hijacking was carried out with a plastic ball covered in a yellow cloth, there was no lapse on the part of security staff engaged in pre-embarkation screening at Delhi.

As regards second incident, the hijacker as able to smuggle a revolver and hand bomb concealed in a tape recorder and in a transistor respectively. The persons responsible for conducting pre-embarkation security checks at Udaipur where from the hijacker boarded the aircraft, were placed under suspension. Necessary steps have been taken to further tighten up the security measures and all concerned have been instructed accordingly. Elaborate instructions have been issued that no item of hand baggage will be cleared unless the security staff are satisfied about its contents.

Accommodation to Tourists at Puri and Konarak

1089. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the flow of national and international tourists to Puri and Konark has been increasing after the opening of the Puri-Konark Marine Drive Road;

(b) if so, the efforts proposed to be made by Government to provide accommodation to the increasing number of national and international tourists visiting Puri and Konark; and

(c) the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI KHURSEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c). Statistics of international tourist arrivals are compiled on all India basis and not on State/place-wise basis. However, with the introduction of direct Boeing service to Bhubaneswar from Delhi, Calcutta and Hyderabad, tourist traffic to Orissa is expected to pick up significantly. Visualising the future requirements of tourists visiting Puri/Konarak, ITDC plans to construct a 3-star hotel at Puri at an estimated cost of Rs. 134.00 lakhs. This is a joint venture project in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation. ITDC also proposes to set up Beach Cottages at Konark in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation and a provision of Rs. 45 lakhs has been made for the purpose during the Sixth Five Year Plan of ITDC. A Master Plan for the development of Konark has been prepared through the Town and Country Planning Organisation of the Ministry of Works and Housing and the same has been forwarded to the State Government for approval and notification.