

**Subsidised Food and Accommodation  
to ITDC Staff and their families  
in ITDC Hotels**

2106. SHRI RAM LAL RAHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred year-wise for the last three years on ITDC staff and families for providing subsidised food and accommodation in ITDC hotels;

(b) the total expenditure incurred year-wise for the last three years on staff cars and vehicles maintained by ITDC Headquarters and hotels indicating the total mileage done;

(c) the amount spent annually on staff and families of Indian Airlines and Air India for free and subsidised air travel year-wise for the last three years; and

(d) the compensation paid by Indian Airlines year-wise for the last three years for lost baggage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Development of Handicrafts in North Eastern Region**

2107. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what concrete steps Government have taken to develop handicrafts in North Eastern Region;

(b) Whether Government will consider a proposal to establish a full-fledged office of the Development Commissioner, Handicrafts at Gauhati headed by at least an Addl. Commissioner instead of going for a white elephant (Corporation);

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) how many carpet and hand block printing centres have been started by Government (throughout the country in 1981-82 and 1982-83 ;

(e) whether any such Centres were established in Assam or anywhere in North Eastern Region ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The following steps have been taken :

(i) North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation has been set up for development of handicrafts and handlooms in the region;

(ii) As on 31.3.83, 11 training centres in carpet weaving were being run by the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation. In addition 8 training centres are functioning to impart advanced training in cane and bamboo crafts;

(iii) A Bamboo and Cane Development Institute has been set up at Agartala for undertaking research and development in cane and bamboo crafts;

(iv) To provide package of services to the artisans, 4 Marketing and Service Extension Centres have been set up and another two are in the process of being set up,

(b) and (c) Some field offices of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) already exist in the North Eastern Region. However, the Government is prepared to consider any proposal for the development of handicrafts in the region.

(d) 50 Advanced training centres in carpet weaving have been established in J and K in 1982-83.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) No new centres were considered necessary,