

**Funds for Construction of a Luxury Hotel by ITDC and OTDC in Puri**

693. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether funds have been sanctioned for the construction of a luxury hotel by the ITDC in collaboration with the OTDC in the premises of Raj Bhavan at puri ;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project ;

(c) the amount of Central assistance provided for that project so far ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d) ITDC has decided to set up a 3-star Hotel in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation adjacent to Raj Bhavan at Puri at an estimated cost of Rs. 134 lakhs as under :—

Equity	Rs. in lakhs
ITDC (51%)	27.50 ITDC has so far released Rs. 10 lakhs.
OTDC (49%)	26.50
Total	54.00
Loan from financial institutions	80.00
Grand Total	134.00

**Launching of New Scheme for Training and Employment of Ex-Servicemen**

694. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched any new scheme for the training and employment of Ex-servicemen in six States of the Union in selected districts ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it would be extended to other districts of these States and also launched in other States ; and

(c) if so, the likely date by which it would be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) A Scheme know as 'PEXSEM' (Preparing Ex-Servicemen for Self-Employment) has been launched on a pilot basis, with effect from 1st April, 1983 for importing training to ex-servicemen/retiring service personnel in different trades to enable them to establish their own self-employment ventures in rural areas. The main features of the Scheme are as Under :-

(i) The Scheme has been introduced for retiring service personnel and ex-servicemen of the rank of JCOs and ORs for their resettlement near their Villages.

(ii) The Scheme is operative on a pilot basis for two years i.e. 1983-84 and 1984-85 in 6 districts, one each in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. In the first year, 600 persons are to be provided training under the scheme taking 100 from each district. The number of beneficiaries will be increased to 900 in the second year taking 150 from each district.

(iii) The Directorate General Resettlement, Zila Sainik Boards, the District Rural Development Agency, the lead bank of the district and the District Industries Centres, ITIs and other training institutes are involved in implementation of the scheme.