

(f) if so, the details thereof and particularly in regard to the tribal, backward and hilly areas:

(g) whether any Committee has been constituted for identification, liberation and rehabilitation of bonded labourers; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and achievements made so far by the said Committee?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The State Governments have reported identification of 2,51,424 bonded labourers out of which 2,30,915 bonded labourers have been rehabilitated under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour which envisage rehabilitation assistance upto the ceiling limit of Rs. 10,000/- per bonded labour. The expenditure is equally shared by Centre and State Governments on (50:50) basis. The State-wise details of bonded labourers identified/released and rehabilitated are given in the enclosed Statement

(e) and (f) The details of funds released during last three years to the States are given below. No funds were sought by the State Government of Gujarat during the last three years. The area-wise details are not maintained

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Amount released under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	101.41	31.25	79.37
Bihar	6.18	6.61	-
Karnataka	171.50	42.66	2.84
Kerala	6.03	-	-
Orissa	5.75	0.39	1.63
Rajasthan	1.69	3.28	5.70
Tamil Nadu	1.59	1.12	-
Total	294.15	85.31	89.54

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

State-wise Details of Bonded Labourers

Name of the State	Number of Bonded Labourers	
	Identified & Released	Rehabilitated
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	36,289	29,553
Bihar	12,986	12,270

1	2	3
Karnataka	62,708	55,231
Madhya Pradesh	12,804	11,897
Orissa	49,971	46,808
Rajasthan	7,478	6,217
Tamil Nadu	38,886	39,375
Maharashtra	1,382	1,300
Uttar Pradesh	27,489	27,469
Kerala	823	710
Haryana	544	21
Gujarat	64	64
Total	2,51,424	2,30,915

[English]

Decrease in the Arrivals of Foreign Tourists

225. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any decrease in the number of foreign tourists during the first six months of 1996-97 in comparison with the same period during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss of foreign exchange suffered due to such decrease?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) there was no decline in the foreign tourist arrivals during the first six months of 1996-97 as compared to the same period of 1995-96. The comparative figures are as given below.

Period	Tourist Arrivals		
	1995	1996	% Change
April-Sept.	879381	929944	5.7

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Privatisation of Various Jobs

226. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified areas in Telecommunication and postal service for involvement of private sector in carrying out various jobs operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for modernisation of postal services and aggressive marketing in profitable areas for earning more revenues; and