

Steamer Service Between Bombay and Mangalore

4459. SHRI P. R. SHENOY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the absence of a steamship between Bombay and Coastal Mysore, is causing great hardship to thousands of passengers belonging to poor class; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a steamer service between Bombay and Mangalore ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) one of the reasons for the discontinuance in 1969 of the steamer service between Bombay and Coastal Mysore operated by Scindia Steam Navigation Co. was the gradual decline in the movement of passengers. In 1961/62 and 1962/63 it was on an average 800/900 passengers per single trip on a good voyage. However, by 1968/69 the number of passengers per single trip did not exceed 600 which meant utilisation of only 50% accommodation available on the ship. These facts would indicate the service has not been availed of adequately to make it commercially viable.

(b) There is no proposal to re-start such a service since it would not be operationally viable, in the absence of adequate and sustained passenger/cargo traffic.

Amount Allotted for Development of Tourism in Kerala

4460. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total allotment for the State of Kerala for tourist development in the State during the Fourth Plan period;

(b) the new centres selected and amount spent on them; and

(c) the criteria for financial allotment ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b) . The outlay on Kovalam Beach Resort in the Central Sector is Rs. 221.58 lakhs in the Fourth Plan. It is also proposed to construct a youth hostel at Trivandrum at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.50 lakhs and to augment accommodation and transport facilities at the Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary for which funds will be allocated on receipt of estimates.

(c) The criteria for financial allocation are based on factors such as actual or potential tourist attraction of a place, its accessibility, travel trends and patterns, etc.

National Monuments in Tamil Nadu

4461. SHRI R P. ULAGANAMBI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places taken over as National monuments in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the steps taken so far to locate and preserve the monuments and land-marks of historic importance in that State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D P. YADAVA) :

(a) A list of the 387 protected national monuments in Tamil Nadu will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India is alive to the requirements of the national monuments in Tamil Nadu. The protected monuments are preserved by way of special and annual repairs and on a priority basis to the extent funds are available. The watch and ward staff is also provided as far as possible.

An intensive survey of antiquities for locating cultural remains has been undertaken by the Survey in the Districts of Madurai, Salem and Coimbatore.