

Resignation of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India

2567, SHRI BISHWANATH JHUN-JHUNWALA :
SHRI N. S. BISHT :
SHRI P. K. DEO :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India has submitted his resignation ;
- (b) if so, on what grounds ; and
- (c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir The Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, has not submitted his resignation. He has, however, given notice of retirement after attaining the age of fifty years as permitted by rules. He has also asked for permission to take up a professional appointment in an unnamed university.

- (c) The matter is under consideration.

Proposals to set up A Subsidiary Company of Air India

2568. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUN-JHUNWALA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government propose to set up a subsidiary company of Air India for operating passenger and freight charters ;
- (b) if so, whether new aircrafts will be purchased for this new company ; and
- (c) whether any final decision about the composition of the company has been taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL

AVIATION (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) :
(a) Air-India propose to set up a company for air charter work.

(b) and (c). Details have not yet been finalised.

Revision in the Target of Tourist Inflow

2569. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUN-JHUNWALA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the target for tourist inflow from foreign countries into India by 1973 has been revised from 6,00,000 to 4,00,000 ;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same ;
- (c) whether the Fourth Plan targets for the inflow of tourists will have to be changed accordingly and if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard ;
- (d) what would be the estimated loss on account of the revision of the target ; and
- (e) the steps government propose to take to keep up their original targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION : (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) : (a) and (c). Yes, Sir. The target for tourist inflow from foreign countries into India for 1973 has been revised from 6,00,000 to 4,00,000.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 84.76 crores was proposed for tourism in the draft Fourth Plan. This was, however, reduced to Rs. 25 crores which meant that the infrastructure required for attracting larger number of tourists could not be developed to the desired level and consequently the target of tourist arrivals had to be revised.

(d) It is not possible to make this estimation.

(e) In spite of the reduced allocation for tourism, the Department of Tourism has taken a number of steps to increase tourist traffic to this country. They include