

shifted to Asansol branch as from the 21st of June, 1971, and a notice to that effect was put up at the sub-office premises for the information of the public. It is understood that the sub-office had to be closed mainly due to the unwillingness of the employees to work at the place in view of threats received by them from some local people following the arrest of a local person for the snatching of the bank's gun and also due to the inability of the police authorities to post police guards at the sub-office. Endeavours are being made to open the sub-office as soon as possible.

Plan to expand the Tourist Centre at Malampuzha Dam District Palghat (Kerala)

5839. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to expand the tourist centre in Malampuzha Dam, Palghat District, Kerala and if so, the broad outlines thereof ; and

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government in this regard and if so, the main features thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). An allocation of Rs. 2.75 lakhs has been made under the State Plan for providing accommodation at Malampuzha Dam during the Fourth Plan period.

Tourist facilities at Sitamarhi, District Muzaffarpur (Bihar)

5840. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Sitamarhi in the District of Muzaffarpur, Bihar is a place of great religious importance ;

(b) whether twice a year there is a great congregation of people from all parts of the country on the occasions of Ramnaumi and Vivahpanchi Melas ;

(c) whether there are no facilities for tourists provided by either the Centre or the State Government at Sitamarhi ; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

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

(a) and (b). Government are aware that a sizable number of persons visit Sitamarhi for the Ramnaumi and Vivahpanchi Melas.

(c) and (d). Due to other priorities, the Department of Tourism does not propose to undertake any scheme at Sitamarhi at present. The State Government, however, plan to establish a tourist information centre there.

Social Welfare Institutions in Mysore

5841. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the number and names of the social welfare institutions in Mysore run by the State Government and the Central Government separately ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : There is no Social Welfare institution in Mysore which is run directly by the Central Government. Information regarding the institutions run by the State Government, is being collected from the Mysore State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

Development of certain Places in Tumkur District of Mysore State as Tourist Centres

5842. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to give priority to development of certain places in Tumkur District of Mysore State as Tourist Centres ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose ?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.