

Outstanding Audit objections in the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation

1829. SHRI FATEHSINGHRAO GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of outstanding Audit Objections in his Ministry and its Subordinate Offices according to the latest assessment ;

(b) the total amount of money involved therein ;

(c) how many of them were outstanding on 1st April, 1968 ; and

(d) the reasons for not expediting their settlement ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

Shortage of Candles in Delhi on the eve of Diwali

1830. SHRI DALIP SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there had been acute shortage of candles in the markets on the eve of last Diwali due to defective system of allotment of quota of Paraffin Wax in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment in Indian Airlines

1831. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy recruitment has been made in the Indian Airlines all over India during the last two years and if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(b) whether Government propose to hold an inquiry in this regard ?

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

(a) The rate of increase of staff in Indian Airlines during the years 1969 and 1970 was 2.8% and 4.5% respectively. The higher increase during 1970 was due to the introduction of Boeing services.

(b) No, Sir.

Loans advanced by Nationalised Banks in Mysore

1832. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans advanced to farmers, shopkeepers, low-income groups separately by the nationalised banks in the State of Mysore after nationalisation ; and

(b) the rate of interest charged thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in Tourist Traffic

1833. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tourists who have visited India during 1971 ;

(b) whether the number of tourists visiting India has steadily been going down ;

(c) the reasons leading to such decline ;

(d) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the "Statesman" dated the 25th September, 1971 under the caption 'Tourism hampered by shortage of Hotels' and if so, reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(a) The tourist arrival figures upto September 1971 are 223, 838 registering an increase of