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Plan to encourage Internal Tourism

3498. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether no serious efforts have been made by Government to encourage internal tourism ;

(b) whether any plan has been drawn up to encourage tourism within the country ; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

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

(a) to (c). No, Sir. The necessary infra-structure for tourism in continuously being expanded and improved. Youth Hostels, Tourist Bungalows, Reception Centres, Rest Houses at game sanctuaries and camp sites are being constructed Government have also allocated funds for loans for the construction of hotels and the purchase of tourist transports. All the tourism facilities being provided are for the use of both domestic and foreign tourists.

Master Plan for an Integrated Development of Goa Beaches for Destination Tourists

3499. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to draw up a Master plan for an integrated development of Goa Beaches for destination tourists and charter groups ;

(b) if so, when the master plan is likely to be drawn up ; and

(c) what is Government's estimate of the possible number of tourists visiting Goa Beaches, after they are fully developed ?

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

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to develop beach resort facilities in Goa for promoting a larger volume of tourist traffic. A beach resort development survey will shortly be taken up for drawing up a master plan of development.

(c) It will be possible to estimate the number of tourists who will visit Goa only after the survey has been completed and an assessment made.

Proposal to develop each Resorts at important centres along the Coastline

3500 SHRI BHOLA MANJHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to develop beach resorts at important centres along the coastline ; and

(b) if so, the number of resorts to be developed and their location ?

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

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Besides the development of Kovalam near Trivandrum as a beach resort, work on which is already in progress, Goa has been selected for development as another major beach resort. Accommodation and other facilities are also being provided at Mahabalipuram.

Proposal to set up a Holding Company for Air India and Indian Airlines

3501. SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a holding company for Air India and Indian Airlines ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

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

(a) and (b). The question of strengthening coordination between the two Air Corporations is under constant review. In this process, a suggestion for establishing a holding company is also being studied.

Setting up of Pipeline Project in Eastern India

3502. SHRI VEKARIA :
SHRI D. P. JADEJA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any tender was called for the