

**Fire Fighting Services Provided at Air-ports**

9136. SHRIBRURAJ SINGH KOTAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the fire-fighting services provided at all the airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the various essential facilities provided in this regard and the names of such airports provided with such equipments?

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

(a) Action is in hand to provide more fire fighting equipment at international airports and civil aerodromes which are used by air services. International Airports Authority of India have ordered 28 crash fire tenders; 20 wheeled-type and 8 track-type for international airports. Director General of Civil Aviation's proposal for purchase of 40 crash fire tenders; 16 from abroad and 24 from indigenous sources, for augmenting the fire fighting facilities at his domestic aerodromes is being processed.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT 496/73.*]

**Plan to Build Tourist Reception Centre and Camping site at Jaipur.**

9137 SHRIBRURAJ SINGH KOTAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to build a Tourist Reception Centre and Camping site at Jaipur; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the plan and when it will be completed?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Tourist Reception Centre-cum-Motel is already under construction at Jaipur and preliminaries in respect of the camping site are being worked out.

The Tourist Reception Centre-cum-Motel, in addition to 20 residential rooms, will have information counters for dissemination of information about tourist centres in India and in particular detailed information of tourist spots in the immediate

vicinity, a counter for air, rail and road reservations, a book stall, souvenir/curio shop, handicrafts show room and shop, facilities for left luggage and for money-changing, a restaurant/cafetaria, besides toilet, wash room and telephone facilities. The work on the Tourist Reception Centre-cum-Motel is expected to be completed by March, 1974.

The proposed camping site is designed to accommodate about 20 campers and will have available such equipment to be given out on hire as tents, mattresses, table lamps, stoves, folding chairs, tables etc. General amenities at the site would include information counter, snack-bar, bath rooms, toilets, grocery store and a laundry room. Electricity plug points and water connections will be provided at each camping platform. While space will be available for parking of cars alongside the camping platforms, provision has also been made for a separate parking area for large vehicles such as mini-coaches and buses.

Work on this project will be taken up after preliminaries, including the allotment of a suitable plot of land by the State Government, are completed. As such, while no definite date for the completion of the project can be indicated, it is expected that the camping site would be ready for commissioning in the first year of the Fifth Plan.

**Expansion Programme of Lakshmi Vilas Palace Hotel at Udaipur**

9138, SHRIBRURAJ SINGH KOTAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lakshmi Vilas Palace Hotel at Udaipur is going to be expanded; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of its expansion programme giving the star rating and tariff of the hotel?

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

(a) The Lakshmi Vilas Palace Hotel at Udaipur was expanded during 1972-73.

(b) The hotel originally has 12 double rooms and two single rooms. The expansion comprised 23 air-conditioned double rooms and a Conference Room with a seating capacity for 100 persons. The hotel is not yet classified. The tariff is as follows:—