

Visit by U.S. Trade Team to India

3598. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a top trade team from U.S.A. headed by a senior official of the U.S. Department of Commerce is shortly coming to India for trade talks; and

(b) if so, what are the specific subjects to be discussed with the team?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). It is understood that a commercial Mission of representatives of Railway Equipment Manufacturers of U.S.A., accompanied by Officials of the U.S. Department of Commerce is scheduled to visit India from 2nd April, 1973 for two weeks to promote sale of U.S. equipment for the Indian Railways.

Schemes for Development of Sea-side Resorts

3599. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been drawn up for the development of sea-side resorts during 1973-74 for attracting tourists; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). During 1973-74 the development at Kovalam in Kerala will continue, and it is proposed to initiate the planning of facilities in Goa and Mahabalipuram. The nature and scope of this development will be determined on the basis of the report of

the UNDP Beach Resort Development Survey Team expected in July, 1973.

Seminar of Kerala State Small Industry

3600. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-day seminar of Kerala State Small Industry Association held recently at Cochin has pleaded for the creation of a free trade port at Cochin and a free trade zone surrounding it; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No communication has been received from the Kerala State Small Industry Association.

(b) Does not arise.

Flights from Bangalore to Bombay and back via Belgaum and Mangalore

3601. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the flights from Bangalore to Bombay and back via Belgaum and Bangalore are often not operated according to schedule;

(b) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in these flights quite often; and

(c) how many times these flights were late during January and February, 1973?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). During January