

(b) whether a decision has been taken by Government on these recommendations ; if so, the particulars thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and the time by which a decision will be taken ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Institute of Public Administration has made a number of recommendations including the creation of an India Tourism Authority, aimed at achieving greater operational flexibility, a modern marketing approach and better quality personnel to develop efficient managerial techniques.

(b) and (c). The recommendations are under consideration.

**Demand for Increased Financial Assistance for Uttar Pradesh**

1714. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :  
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH  
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have asked for increased financial assistance from the Central Government ;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance sought and the purposes for which it is required ; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh had asked for additional Central assistance of Rs. 181 crores for their Fourth Five Year Plan for the purpose of augmenting the outlays on schemes like roads and bridges, irrigation and flood control, land reclamation and development of urban areas. Recently, the State Government have also asked for special accommodation, amounting to about Rs. 52 crores

annually, towards the expenditure proposed to be incurred by them on grant of interim relief to Government employees and teachers and towards the loss likely to result from abolition of certain taxes.

(c) Central assistance for development schemes included within the State Plan is provided in accordance with criteria laid down by the National Development Council. The entire Central assistance available for State Plans has already been distributed amongst the various States and it is not possible to provide additional funds for such schemes. As regards special accommodation, this facility is being provided only to those States which, in the assessment of the Planning Commission, had inescapable gaps in resources during the Fourth Plan period. Since on this assessment Uttar Pradesh did not have such a gap, the question of providing any special accommodation does not arise.

**Appointment to Posts of Director and Assistant Director of National Museum, New Delhi**

1715. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Museum, New Delhi, has been without a Director for 2 years and without an Assistant Director for 1 year ; if so, the reasons for the delay in appointing them ;

(b) the name of the Director selected recently by the Union Public Service Commission with his qualifications ;

(c) whether it is a fact that he rejected the selection of this Director ; and

(d) if so, reasons for doing so, and when the next selections will be made by the U.P.S.C., if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, it is unfortunately a fact that the National Museum, New Delhi, has been without a Director since January 1969. The matter is under the active consideration of the Government.