

Cultural Ambience around Tourist Spots

*338. SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE :
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to draw a plan for the improvement of cultural financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are being consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the places selected as the venue of the cultural festival scheduled for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) To (c) The Ministry of Tourism has a scheme "Refurbishment of Monuments" under which assistance is provided for the Refurbishment and improvement of the Environment around the monuments/heritage buildings. The projects for the Refurbishment of Monuments are prioritised in consultation with the State Governments.

(d) The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments for promotion of identified fair and festivals. The Ministry has identified 124 Fairs and Festivals for the current financial year. Names of places are given in the statement attached.

Statement***List of Fairs and Festivals*****ANDHRA PRADESH**

1. Deccan Festival
2. Royalseema Food & Dance Festival
3. Vishakha Utsav
4. Lumbini Festival

ASSAM

1. Tea and Tourism Festival
2. Rangoli Bihu
3. Brahamputta Beah Festival

BIHAR

1. Sonepur Mela
2. Vaishali Mahotsav
3. Rajgir Dance & Food Festival
4. Chhotanagpur Adivasi Mela
5. Patliputra Mahotsava

GOA

1. International Sea Food Festival
2. Carnival
3. Shigmo (Holi)

GUJARAT

1. Navratri Festival
2. Kutch Festival (Rann of Kutch)
3. Tametar Festival
4. Kite Festival

HARYANA

1. Surajkund Crafts Mela
2. Kurukshetra Festival
3. Garden Festival
4. Kartik Cultural Festival

HIMACHAL PRADESH

1. Kullu Festival
2. Winter Festival
3. Minjor Fair Chamba
4. Summer Festival
5. Lavi Fair

JAMMU & KASHMIR

1. Ladakh Festival
2. Pooja Festival
3. Mansar

4. Banganga (Mumbai)
5. Kala Ghoda Fair (Mumbai)
6. Karveer Kohlapura (Kolhapur)
7. Kalidas festival in Nagpur

KARNATAKA

1. Vijaynagar Hampi Festival (Bellary)
2. Navraspur Festival (Bijapur)
3. Hoysala Mahotsav at Halebid (Hassan)
4. Pattadakak Festival

MEGHALAYA

1. Autumn Festival

MANIPUR

1. Kut Festival
2. Maharas Festival
3. Lui Ngai Ni Festival of Nagas
4. Gan Nagai
5. Yaosang (Doljatra)
6. Basanta Yatra
7. Kang (Rath Yatra)
8. Harikiu Hindongba
9. Ningoi Chakkaura

KERALA

1. The Great Elephant March
2. Nisha Gandhi Dance Festival
3. Onam
4. Snake Boat Race
5. Kerala Village Festival
6. Tourism Week Celebration

MIZORAM

1. Chappachrkut

ORISSA

1. Rath Yatra (throughout Orissa)
2. Kendrapara Yatra
3. Baripada Yatra
4. Bali Yatra (Cuttack)
5. Beach Festival (Puri)
6. Konark Dance festival (Konark)

MADHYA PRADESH

1. Khajuraho Festival
2. Pachmarhi Festival
3. Mandu Festival
4. Orhha-Shivpuri-Gwalior-Agra-Jhansi Festival
5. Tansen Samaroh (Gwalior)
6. Khajuraho Millennium

PUNJAB**MAHARASHTRA**

1. Elephant Festival (Mumbai)
2. Ganesh Festival (Pune & Mumbai)
3. Ellora Festival (Aurangabad)

1. Holla Mohalla
2. Harballabha Sangeet Sammelan (Jullandhar)
3. Rural Sports Mela Killa Raipur (Ludhiana)

4. **Baba Farid Mela**5. **Hasan Shah Mela**6. **Baisakhi****PONDICHERRY**1. **Fete-e-Pondicherry/Yoga Festival**2. **Food Festival Pondicherry****RAJASTHAN**1. **Bikaner Festival**2. **Nagaur Fair**3. **Desert Festival Jaisalmer**4. **Barmer/Kanna Festival**5. **Bundi Festival**6. **Marwar Festival**7. **Dadra & Nagar Haveli****SIKKIM**1. **Flower Show**2. **Handicraft Exhibition**3. **Tea & Tourism Festival****TRIPURA**1. **Boat Race**2. **Neer Mahal****TAMIL NADU**1. **Dance Festival at Mammlapuram**2. **Natyanjali Festival, Chidambaram**3. **Summer Festival, Ooty**4. **Chithrai Festival, Madurai**5. **Tea & Tourism Festival-Coonoo****UTTAR PRADESH**1. **Jhansi Mahotsav**2. **Taj Mahotsav**3. **International Yoga Week**4. **Lucknow Festival**5. **Kumaon Festival**6. **Garhwal Festival**7. **Bodh Mahotsav****WEST BENGAL**1. **Vishnupur Festival**2. **Calcutta Festival**3. **Darjeeling Tea Festival at Siliguri****ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS**1. **Island Tourist Festival****CHANDIGARH**1. **Rose Festival**2. **Garden Festival**3. **Mek Chand****ARUNACHAL PRADESH**1. **Tamla-du-Festival**2. **Tawang Festival**3. **Nyokum Festival**4. **Mopin Festival**5. **Orchid Festival**6. **International Women**7. **Entrepreneurs Meeting**8. **Conference at Itanagar**

NAGALAND

1. Winter Festival

DELHI

1. Roshanara Festival
2. Shalimar Festival
3. Qutab Festival
4. Garden Festival
5. Chandni Chowk Festival.

Children Films

*339. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a very few children films are produced and shown in National Film Festivals; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to encourage producers to make more children's films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):

(a) Films meant for children, catering as they do to a specific age group, have a limited market and tend to be produced in limited numbers. The films exhibited in the annual National Film Festival (NFF) consist of award winning films. The scheme of awards includes the best children's film every year and this film is shown in the NFF along with other award winning films.

(b) The National Centre of Films for Children & Young People (N'CYP), a registered society under the Ministry of I&B, has been set up for production of children's films in various languages. The Government provides grants-in-aid to N'CYP for the production, acquisition and exhibition of children's films. N'CYP also organises the biennial International Film Festival for Children and Young People with the objectives of promoting and encouraging the children's film movement by screening children's films from different countries. Films certified as children's films by the Central Board of Film Certification are normally exempted from entertainment tax by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Linking of Major Ports by Rail

*340. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to connect all the major ports by Rail;

(b) if so, whether feasibility study has been made in that regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress made in implementing the above proposal? #

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) All the major ports in the country are already connected by Rail.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Corruption In Recruitment

3341. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases in the selection procedure of Railway Recruitment Board, Bhopal noticed during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases out of them handed over to various investigating agencies;

(c) the number of cases settled and pending with the department; and

(d) whether most of the candidates have joined duties during the course of investigation affecting the investigation proceedings and consequently some of the candidates are deprived of joining the duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) 13.

(b) All the 13 cases were handed over to various investigating agencies.