

(ii) The balance 55% of the gross earnings is treated as net earnings of these lines.

(iii) If the net earnings are not sufficient to meet 5% of the returns on share capital invested by the Company plus Rs. 21,000/- per annum towards management expenses, the deficit thereof is made good by the Central Railway, as a guaranteed return.

(iv) If the net earnings exceed the above guaranteed return, the same will be shared equally by the Central Railway and The Central Provinces Railways Company Ltd.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Losses suffered by Central Railway in the last three years are :

1995-96	Rs. 3.60 crores
1996-97	Rs. 3.64 crores
1997-98	Rs. 4.36 crores

(g) At the time of the last ten yearly financial review in 1996 it was decided not to exercise the purchase option but to continue the existing arrangement on financial considerations as nationalisation would have entailed heavy capital investment on upgradation and proper integration of

these unremunerative lines with the main Indian Railways system.

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Participation of Public Sector Undertaking in Overseas Events

3621. SHRI VAIDYA VISHNU DATT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) the PSUs participated for business promotion in Overseas Events like Seminars/Conferences/Exhibitions/Business Meetings, etc., during the last 3 years along with financial involvement in each trip and the outcome therefrom; and

(c) the funds allocated for each PSU for the participation in Overseas Events during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) India Tourism Development Corporation is the only Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Tourism.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has not allocated any money to ITDC for this purpose. However, ITDC has provided a amount of Rs. 90 lakhs in their budget for the year 1999-2000 to cover the expenses on air-fare and TA/DA etc. of their officers to foreign countries in connection with participation in overseas events and other activities, if any.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No. of Trips	No. of Participants	Purpose and Place of Visit	Expenditure in connection with air fare/TA/DA etc. of the participants.	Outcome of visit*
1	2	3	4	5
1996-97				
1.	3	To attend PATA Travel Mart at Thailand	1.74	
2.	6	To attend 10th Asian International Exhibition of Food and Drink/Hotel, Restaurant & Catering Equipments supplies & services and Conference with the 10th FHA International Saloon Culinaire at Singapore.	5.60	
3.	3	To attend 45th PATA Annual Conference at Bangkok, Thailand.	1.31	
4.	1	To participate in Arabian Travel Mart Tax Free, Dubai.	0.66	
5.	2	To attend Tax Free Asia Pacific Conference & Exhibition organised by M/s Duty Free News International at Singapore.	1.80	
6.	2	To participate in EIBTM 96 (European Incentive & Business Travel & Meetings Exhibition 96), Switzerland.	1.67	

1	2	3	4	5
7.	2	To attend Conference & Exhibition Intermedia/ Internet Asia 96 at Singapore.	1.32	
8.	1	To attend FAM Tour at the invitation of Tourism and Travel Industry of Sri Lanka.	0.24	
9.	1	As a member of the Indian Delegation for attending Annual Conference of Australian Federation of Travel Agents for two days visit to Singapore for a Road Show to promote India as a Tourist Destination at Singapore.	1.77	
10.	1	To attend Annual Conference of Australian Federation of Travel Agents and Road Show to promote India as a Tourist destination at Australia and Singapore.	1.56	
11.	3	To attend CIS Travel Marketing Conference at Petersburg, Russia.	4.69	
12.	3	To attend 66th ASTA World Congress at Bangkok, Thailand.	2.05	
13.	2	To attend Tax Free World Conference and Exhibition in France	2.86	
14.	1	Promotional Tour to Dubai—invited by Air India	0.21	
15.	5	To attend the WTM World at London, United Kingdom	5.97	
16.	2	To attend 36th ICCA Assembly at RIC, Brazil.	1.58	
17.	3	To participate in FITUR in Spain	3.87	
18.	1	To attend ASTA Pacific Ministers' Conference in Maldives	0.59	
19.	2	To participate in BIT Milan, Italy	1.25	
20.	4	To attend ITB Berlin, Germany	5.85	
1997-98				
21.	3	To participate in PATA Travel in China	4.93	
22.	3	To attend 46th PATA Annual Conference	4.03	
23.	4	To participate in SAATE '97 at Colombo, Srilanka	2.93	
24.	3	To attend EIBTM '97 at Geneva, Switzerland	4.71	
25.	1	To attend PATA Chapter World Congress at San Francisco, USA	1.60	
26.	1	To attend Seminar on Hospitality Management at Singapore.	0.36	
27.	1	To attend PATA Board of Directors meeting in Pakistan.	0.22	
28.	5	To attend 46th TAAI Annual Convention in Srilanka	1.42	
29.	5	To attend World Travel Mart, London, UK	2.70	
30.	2	To attend Japan Congress International Travel & Travel Show at Tokyo, Japan	2.28	
31.	4	To participate in ITB '98 in Berlin, Germany	4.58	
32.	1	To attend 10th Annual PATA Chapter World Congress and 47th PATA Annual Conference in Philippines	1.59	
1998-99				
33.	3	To attend PATA Mart '98 in Singapore.	3.29	

1	2	3	4	5
34.	2	To attend EIBTM '98 in Geneva, Switzerland.	2.68	
35.	1	To attend 12th PATA Asia Chapter meeting in Nepal	0.31	
36.	1	Visit to the Tax Free World Exhibition, Cannes, France	1.36	
37.	3	Participation in World Travel Mart '98, London, UK	5.05	
38.	2	Participation in FITUR '99, Madrid, Spain.	2.15	
39.	2	Participation in ITB '99, Berlin, Germany.	2.24	
40.	1	To participate in 8th World Travel Fair '98 in Tokyo, Japan.	0.84	

* Participation in overseas events provides platform for business interactions between buyers and sellers for promotion/marketing of products. Besides, it provides an opportunity to get an in-sight of prevailing business trends, new developments etc.

Information relating to expenditure incurred by ITDC on other items i.e. registration fee and setting up of booths etc. wherever applicable is being collected.

Expansion of Abbreviations

ASTA	American Society of Travel Agents Inc.
PATA	Pacific Asia Travel Association
WTO	World Tourism Organisation
ICCA	International Congress & Convention Association
WTM	World Travel Mart
ITM	International Tourism Borse
FITUR	Feria Internacional De Turismo (International Tourism Trade Fair)
EIBTM	European Incentive & Business Travel & Meetings Exhibition
JATA	Japan Association of Travel Agents
IHA	International Hotel Association
BIT	Borsa Internazionale del Turismo (International Tourism Exchange)
FHA	Food & Hotel Asia
FAM Tour	Familiarisation Tour
CIS	Commonwealth Independent States
SATTE	South Asia Travel & Tourism Exchange
TAAI	Travel Agents Association of India

Linking of District with State Capital

3622. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the Ministers RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the name of districts in Maharashtra particularly in backward areas linked with the State capital by single/double/metro rail lines;

(b) whether there is proposal to link the remaining districts with the State capital;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMETARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):
(a) to (d) Such information is not maintained by Railways.